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### The Defense Program

#### MARINE CORPS MECHANIZATION

MECHANIZATION effected during the past five years has come to the aid of the United States Marine Corps in assisting in one of its most difficult tasks, that of landing troops on an open beach in the face of enemy fire.

For the past several years, extensive maneuvers have been held at Culebra to test a number of alternate methods whereby troops could be landed with the greatest possible speed and with the least loss.

Out of these experiments, the Marine Corps has developed landing apparatus which is considered to be a major contribution to the effectiveness of the Fleet Marine Force. Congress in the past two years has appropriated \$362,000 for the purchase of actual landing apparatus, together with various other funds for communications and signal material to implement the new hard-hitting fleet arm that mechanization has produced.

Chief development has been that of a lighter capable of transporting the Marine Corps' newly developed 5 ton tank from transports to the beach. The lighter, whose construction details are still in a confidential category, is a barge type shallow draft vessel with extremely powerful propelling machinery and a uniquely designed bow to permit easy beaching and easy withdrawal.

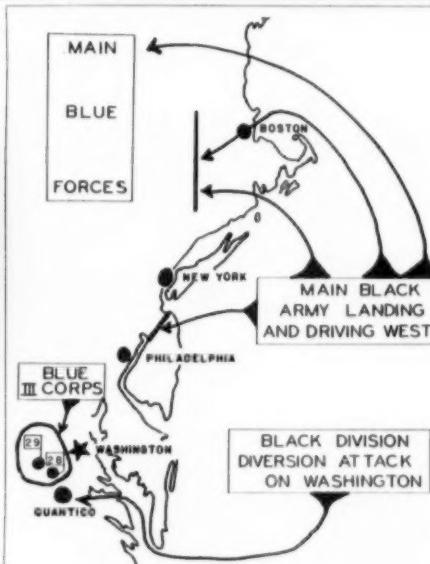
Development of high speed landing forces has been actuated by the great development in speed and radius of aircraft and surface vessels, which development has seriously reduced the opportunities for effecting surprise landings. Also, the increasing mobility of defending forces due to mechanization and high speed communications systems has contributed to the problems of the Fleet Marine Force.

Step by step, mechanization has improved the chances of the FMF to take and hold important beach-heads. Primarily, the problem is one of transporting the troops from ship to shore with as few casualties as possible, little confusion and no loss of control. In this respect, there are a number of factors to be considered. Attempting to cover troop landing with a barrage from naval guns is a hazardous undertaking, due to the uncertain gun-platform afforded by a vessel. Employment of aircraft in covering landing operations is uncertain in light of the probability of enemy air operations. Again, even though there were no enemy air resistance, the amount of fire-power and aerial bomb fire capable of being delivered would be limited by the amount of aerial support available.

Here the tank begins to play its important role in the landing operations. The Marine Corps tank, a five ton vehicle carrying two men and armed with 50 calibre machine guns and 37 mm guns, is especially designed for operation against machine gun nests and ground troops



The situation facing the First Army in exercises now under way at Plattsburgh, N. Y., and Manassas, Va., is graphically shown in the map drawn up at First Army Headquarters. Above is Lieutenant General Hugh A. Drum, commanding general of the First Army, who directs both phases. Lower: Maj. Gen. James A. Woodruff, USA, commander of the (Blue) Provisional Corps, and Maj. Gen. William N. Haskell, of the New York National Guard, who commands the II Corps (Black Army), composed of the 27th and 44th Divisions.



#### Air Reservists Named For Regular Service

As the result of an examination held in June, 1939, under authority of an Act of Congress approved 3 April 1939, (Public No. 18), to secure qualified flyers for appointment in the Regular Army, the following Air Reserve officers, to be assigned to posts indicated, have been selected for appointment on 15 Aug. 1939, as second lieutenants in the Air Corps, Regular Army:

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Bourne Adkison, March Fld., Calif.  
Arthur Columbus Agan, Jr., Barksdale Fld., La.  
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James Wilbur Anderson, Jr., March Fld., Calif.  
Victor Lenvik Anderson, March Fld., Calif.  
Richard Arnold, Jr., Langley Fld., Va.  
Milton Herbert Ashkins, Langley Fld., Va.  
James Carpenter Averill, Hamilton Fld., Calif.  
Theodore Romaine Aylesworth, Langley Fld., Va.

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#### Camp Perry Meet Opens

With the National Matches at Camp Perry, Ohio, opening tomorrow, 20 Aug., members of all service teams are now at the big range camp undergoing final training in preparation for the big annual shoot.

Actually the teams will not begin shooting for several days yet. The first week, 20 Aug. to 25 Aug., will be devoted to the small arms firing school where instruction will be given in rifle and pistol shooting.

Second week of the matches, 26 Aug. to 1 Sept., will be given over to the National Rifle Association Matches, while the third and last week—2 to 9 Sept.—will be devoted to the National Trophy Matches in which members of the service teams from the Infantry, Cavalry, Corps of Engineers, Marines and Coast Guard will participate. The teams themselves will shoot in the National Rifle Team Match, 8 and 9 Sept.

Col. Francis C. Endicott, Inf., executive officer of the National Board for the Promotion of Rifle Practice left Washington 16 Aug. for Camp Perry, followed the next day by Maj. G. G. Parks, assistant executive.

#### Trend to Woodring Bill Seen in Early Returns

Early returns on the ARMY AND NAVY JOURNAL's supplementary survey on the age-in-grade proposals indicate approximately 57 per cent in favor of the original Woodring plan and about 43 per cent in favor of the minority's surplus-in-grade limited service list.

A rough count of a batch of cards received the first day revealed this percentage. A detailed breakdown of these early returns is being made, however, and, after careful checking, will publish in the ARMY AND NAVY JOURNAL of 9 Sept. Subsequent issues, from time to time, will carry tabulations of later returns.

It is noted that a large number of officers returning the cards fail to answer all of the questions requested by the minority committee. For example, a large number of those who indicate under question one that they favor the original Woodring plan do not answer questions two and three which are based on the supposition that the minority's surplus-in-grade plan is adopted. Inasmuch as the committee has specifically asked for the views on this subject, it is requested that all indicate their preference.

An early check on the retirement ages suggested by officers replying to questions two and three shows: do not favor retirement prior to age 64, 73; favors retirement of starred officers at age 62, 10; age 60, 70; age 58, 24; age 57, three; age 56, three; age 55, fifteen; age 54, one; age 50, eight; and age 45, one.

The survey is being conducted in response to the request from the minority committee as published in the ARMY AND NAVY JOURNAL of 5 August. In order that as full and complete information as possible may be furnished the committee, officers are urged to respond promptly and to give a complete picture of their views. If the card mailed you by the ARMY AND NAVY JOURNAL has been delayed in the mails, or if you have mislaid it, you may fill out and mail the coupon appearing on page 1209 of this issue.

The names of officers responding to the survey will be held in the strictest confidence, only a summary of the replies being turned over to the committee. Original cards will be retained in the ARMY AND NAVY JOURNAL's office and destroyed after tabulation. No names will be revealed to anyone outside of the ARMY AND NAVY JOURNAL's own staff.

Members of the minority subcommittee have all returned to their districts, but it is understood that they plan to get together prior to the opening of the next session to work out the details of the plan they will submit to the full committee. When they begin their meetings, the ARMY AND NAVY JOURNAL will turn over to them a report on the supplementary survey.

## Nation's 'Largest Peacetime Maneuvers' Subject of Editorial Approbation

Editorial pages of the nation are duly carrying comments upon the First Army Maneuvers which are being held in Virginia and New York this week, coincidentally with the C.P.X. being conducted by the Fourth Army in San Francisco, Calif.

The value of the mass exercises to the troops, to their commanders and to the master strategists was especially stressed by the editors.

The Washington, D. C., *Post* comments, "Modern warfare has the same relation to the organized combat of the past that the ox-cart has to the airplane. It is no longer earthbound and has to reckon not only with the enormously heightened range and destructiveness of modern weapons but also with the still undetermined effects of wholesale mechanization . . . .

"Two interesting manifestations of this process of reorientation are at hand, although from widely separated parts of the world. The Italian army has just completed its summer maneuvers in the Valley of the Po. And in neighboring Virginia, the Bull Run battlefields are now the scene of extended maneuvers engaging large numbers of Regular Army troops and National Guardsmen.

"The choice of these respective sites is significant. The Valley of the Po has for centuries been the classic objective of armies that have come down over the Alpine passes . . . Similarly, while the object of the Bull Run maneuvers is to test the defense of Washington, these maneuvers will be no re-enactment of the battles bearing that name, but an attempt to apply modern methods of warfare and modern strategy in an area which saw significant fighting in the past."

The Boston, Mass., *Globe*, says, "Beginning of military maneuvers at Manassas, Va., launches the Army on a summer training period that is the largest ever undertaken in peace time and one that will reach its height in Northern New York State beginning next week . . . .

"For the New England National Guardsmen the training should not only be valuable in a military sense, for it will undoubtedly show them a bit of almost real soldiering, but it will be a welcome break from the ordinary routine of summer camp. That the maneuvers are of genuine interest is attested by the fact that foreign military attaches in Washington expect to attend."

The Baltimore, Md., *Sun* observes, "Europe's annual summer war games are being played this year on a scale so extensive and in a spirit so grim that all of the sinister connotations implicit in the descriptive phrase, 'dress rehearsals,' are sharply emphasized. It so happens that at the same time this country is beginning the largest peacetime mimic war maneuvers in its history . . . .

"Meantime, 3,000 miles away, on the West Coast, a 'paper war,' fought only with pins and maps, has been begun by unit commanders and their staffs at San Francisco. It is not related to the Eastern exercises, except in so far as it is part of what is called the most 'intensive schedule of summer training' ever held in this country. In all, it is said 400,000 regulars, guardsmen, reserves and civilians will receive instruction before the program ends. The coincidence of the maneuvers aboard and at home, the grave uncertainties of the present period, and the unusual size of our own games this year lend a seriousness to the business which civilians as well as soldiers must feel. We must hope that it will also be noted by the foreign military and air attaches who will attend the Manassas and Plattsburg strategical and tactical exercises, and that

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without artillery support. Marine Corps officials freely admit that the tank is so lightly constructed that it would be vulnerable if attacked by sizeable artillery. However, by the nature of a landing operation, it is supposed that these tanks would not be thrown against very heavily entrenched enemies. The tanks, hoisted over the sides of transports by block and tackle, are placed aboard lighters that have been previously lowered from the transport, and rushed ashore. One manner of landing described this week involves a stiff barrage from supporting naval vessels before the landing is attempted, with aircraft immediately laying a smoke-screen to cover the tank landing. The tanks would be landed with supporting troops to seize sufficient area on the beach to permit the landing of the main body in continuity of attack. It has been suggested that the tanks, while being brought ashore by lighters, might use their weapons to increase the fire-power directed against the enemy.

It is essential that the landing force maintain uninterrupted flow from transport to shore in order that the enemy may not defeat the force piece-meal. One of the more serious problems encountered in attempting to land tanks from lighters is the possibility that the enemy may have strung wire and other obstructions in the shallow water off-shore. The new lighters are designed with an eye to this eventuality and it was said this week that in most instances a thorough reconnaissance would be attempted before an

attack was launched. It was pointed out that chains of light mines would also prove a hazard unless the attack was carefully prepared.

Mechanization, through the use of radio in tanks, will also be of great advantage in landing operations. In the great majority of instances in which landings are attempted, there will be no data on the area to be penetrated other than charts and maps and with aerial photography available in a limited scope. Tanks, equipped with radio would serve well to acquaint the commander of the landing operations with the terrain encountered and with facts about enemy movements.

In any problem of landing Marines, the defensive power of the enemy machine guns must be given primary consideration. The landing of troops on open beaches into the face of enfilading machine guns is an expensive undertaking and the tank and lighter development is believed to be the best solution to the problem. As in the past, landing parties would set up 75 mm pack howitzers to "back-up" beach-heads against enemy attempts to re-take the position. It was said this week that the Marine Corps has experimented with the landing of regular 75 mm guns on wheeled carriages but has abandoned the idea in view of the success with the pack howitzer. When broken down, the heaviest part of this piece can be handled by two men.

Added to the old problems of effecting a landing is the question of facing an enemy chemical attack. An attack of this kind would in all probability be delivered with a persistent agent, such as mustard gas, and the landing force would be faced with an alternative. The landing could be attempted with gas mask and protective clothing or could be delayed until atmospheric conditions had removed the

they will be impressed not only by the extent of the games but also by the efficiency with which they are played."

The Macon, Ga., *Telegraph* ventures, "We are told that Army experts will pay particular attention to the Seventh Cavalry Brigade, which is the only completely mechanized Cavalry unit in the Army. This brigade, which is now stationed at Fort Knox . . . will make a rapid advance to central New York State as part of the maneuvers.

"We have spent a vast sum of money in mechanizing the Army and it will be interesting to see just how much it is worth in actual practice."

The Sioux Falls, S. D., *Argus-Leader* says, "The great mobilization of America's military might this week along the eastern seaboard from Virginia to Maine in preparation for two practise battles is an essential part of our preparedness program.

"Though it is impossible in such tests to duplicate exactly the conditions of war, much can be learned in regard to mobilization itself, the transportation of equipment, the operation of signal devices, the direction of fire and the control of the various forces in a unified fashion . . . .

"Sham battles are a part of the preparedness program. They should be conducted, military experts feel, with considerable regularity in order to have a well-organized machine available whenever an emergency demands its use."

The Richmond, Va., *News Leader* suggests, "Few military expenditures of peace-time represent larger economy than those for test-operations that give commanders some experience in the handling of large bodies of troops. A million dollars spent on one day's maneuvers may save 10,000 lives in the opening battle of a war."

The Washington, D. C., *Star* says, "Thorough testing of new theories, organization and equipment is a primary purpose of large-scale Regular Army and National Guard maneuvers now getting under way in Virginia and scheduled to be held later this month in the vicinity of Plattsburgh, N. Y.

"While testing of the completely organized new 'streamlined' division set up as the model for the new Army will not be possible during the current maneuvers, many of the vital features of the new plan will be put to the proof of actual field service and the War Department hopes to learn much in a practical way which will be of value in reorganizing the ground armies to meet the demands of modern warfare . . . .

"The maneuvers, in addition to affording an invaluable field test of organization, employment and equipment, will provide a rare opportunity for the handling of large bodies of troops by officers who in peace time rarely see organizations larger than a regiment. They will also enable the public to see something of the new national defense machinery their taxes are building."

The Reno, Nev., *Gazette* says, "The Army will try out its new type of strategy, using its most up-to-date motorized equipment on the very battlefield where Jackson was so successful . . . on the theory that the strategy of the future may be that of swiftly moving armies, surprise attacks, flank movements and other practices of the Civil War. France partly proved it in Spain, Italy used highly mobile forces in Ethiopia, Japan has to some extent used the rapidly rolling army in China, and China certainly is making use of swiftly darting attacks in opposing Japan, rather than settling down to the stalemate of trench warfare."

obstacle. If the first alternative were chosen, the men would be hampered by equipment, if the second alternative were chosen, the element of surprise would be lost. There appears to be no remedy for this situation other than effecting the landing and "digging in" before the enemy can bring chemicals to bear.

Some officials contend that a tank armed with two machine guns can produce nearly the same fire power as the assault sections of two platoons. This added to the speed of the vehicles and their ability to withstand machine gun attack makes the new tank one of the greatest contributions to FMF operations.

At present, the First Marine Brigade at Quantico has all of the tanks in the Marine Corps, one tank company. It is anticipated that a tank company will be formed in the near future to be assigned to the Second Marine Brigade at San Diego, but Marine officials this week said that it is not known at the present time whether or not the Bureau of the Budget will approve the inclusion of funds for this purpose in the next appropriation bill.

Although it has been repeatedly stated that light tanks are valueless, based on observations in the Spanish civil-war, it must be remembered that the tanks with the FMF are designed for entirely different objectives.

There are many other ramifications of the mechanization question in the Marine Corps, but the above, touching lightly on the improved landing gear of the FMF, is one of the most important aspects.

### Ft. Benning Honors Congressmen

Fort Benning, Ga.—Representatives J. Buell Snyder (Pa.) and John J. Sparkman (Ala.) are probably the first nota-

bles to be given military honors by a guard of honor drawn up under the new infantry drill regulations, officials at Fort Benning said today.

Arriving at the army post 8 Aug. by military aircraft for an inspection in connection with their congressional military affiliations, the representatives were received with a 17-gun salute and a guard of honor. War strength units selected from the 29th Infantry used the tri-rank formation and simplified movements of the new regulations. Capt. Samuel G. Conley, a 29th Infantry officer, was in command.

Fort Benning units tested the new drill regulations for the War Department before the latter approved them for the whole army. While under test they were never used officially. They will become effective for all army units next September 1.

After conferring with Brigadier General Asa L. Singleton, Infantry School commandant, and inspecting points of interest on the big military reservation, the party left early for Fort Bragg, N. C., where it will pause for another inspection enroute to Washington.

This is the first visit Mr. Sparkman, whose home is in Huntsville, Ala., has made to Fort Benning since he was elected to Congress in 1936. He has evidenced particular interest during the past Congress in personnel bills which have been before his committee. Like Mr. Snyder he has shown a desire to get information regarding the army's problems by direct contacts.

He is a major in the Officers' Reserve Corps and will be on active duty as such at the Plattsburg 1st Army Maneuvers this month.

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the following important service stories last week:

Warrant rank for Army's enlisted pilots under consideration; Senator Sheppard, chairman, says Military Committee will give first priority next session to service pay; "The Machinery of Promotion in the French Army"; Summary of service legislation in the First session 76th Congress; Use of Canal Tolls to expand Panama facilities under consideration?

If not you did not read the ARMY AND NAVY JOURNAL. You can not get this valuable information from any other source.

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## Objectives of First Army Maneuvers Outlined

Asserting that two weeks once every four years is hardly an adequate period to devote to the field training of an efficient Field Army, Lt. Gen. Hugh A. Drum, USA, formally opened the maneuvers of the First Army, which he commands, with an address at the opening conference at Plattsburgh, N. Y., 15 Aug.

"In our National Defense considerations in recent years," General Drum told the conference, "great stress has been given to the U. S. Fleet, the organization of our productive industries for war, the development and acquisition of more modern armament (air and ground), and the expansion of our overseas garrisons. These provisions are important and essential steps and have met with national approval. However, those experienced in actual combat in war are convinced that these efforts, important as they are, are incomplete unless they include the creation in peacetime of a well trained, adequately equipped and well organized fighting army force. This element is essential to the security of a nation, and at the same time is most difficult to create. A solution of the former considerations is of value only if well organized fighting army forces are available to supplement and utilize these important assets. Of what value are modern munitions without manpower organized and trained to operate them? Of what value in war is a fleet or an air force without protected bases, or whose offensive action cannot be supplemented by a well organized and trained army? The answer to these questions is found in the special and urgent efforts now being made by Great Britain to create a ground field army essential to supplement its large armament program and the expansion of its fleet and air forces."

General Drum continued as follows:

Our experiences, as well as those of every other nation, are convincing that success in war is ultimately dependent upon a field army—one comprising both air and ground forces, adequately equipped and organized and efficiently trained and led. In our U. S. Fleet, with its air components, we have an efficient modern sea power. It is organized and trained as a homogeneous combat unit and so operates at all times. The high command is organized, and, by constantly functioning as a unit, has acquired the efficiency and facility to meet any exigency of war and combat. Whereas, the picture of our army is quite the opposite. Aside from the oversea garrisons, our army forces of all components are widely scattered in small army posts and in the many communities of the forty-eight states. All units would have to be greatly expanded and all higher headquarters would have to be organized from the bottom up before our entry into a war. The G. H. Q. Air Force is now undergoing expansion in many respects. The larger army units are seldom brought together for organization and training and even then the high commands must be improvised for the occasion. The superior qualities of the individual officers and enlisted men cannot entirely compensate for these serious defects, which will exist in any emergency unless we change radically our present system. Under such conditions our army, except for munitions, faces problems quite similar to those that occurred when we entered the World War. It was a year and a half before our forces were prepared to enter battle as a field army in that war. Even our Regular Army First Division was not available for a year. Armaments, supplies and equipment did not cause this delay, as the French and British supplied them as soon as our soldiers were organized and made available for training in France. It is important that we realize and make known this vital lesson and never forget that the most difficult preparedness problem is the organization and training of manpower—the creation of an efficient field force directed by skilled leaders, capable of utilizing the power of modern weapons.

In the military profession, you are faced with a condition which does not confront any other professional group. The doctor, lawyer, banker, etc., can test and apply the principles and lessons he has studied and evolved, each day of the year. He can continuously adjust his methods and policies and by practical experience determine whether he is adequately trained in his trade and sound in his conclusions. The soldier, on the other hand, must wait until he is called upon to preserve the integrity of his country before he can apply his theories and training. His stake is greater than that of any other profession. Furthermore, individual expertise is only supplemental to the

more difficult problem of mass organization and efficiency. History is replete with examples of the defeat of nations and unnecessary loss of life when poorly organized and improperly led untrained troops have met trained, organized ones in battle. In our country, with its large industrial plants, the problem of creating a well organized and trained field army, adequate for the first phases of a war, is more difficult than the transformation of our industrial system to a reasonable war basis.

The general purposes of the First Army Maneuvers are in furtherance of the views that I have just expressed. These exercises are a step in that direction, but I am sure you will agree that two weeks once in four years devoted to this work are hardly adequate, especially under conditions where many important elements of a well rounded out organization are absent and which require an improvisation of the high commands on each of these infrequent occasions. However, with your cooperation we can and will accomplish much in these few days towards cementing ourselves into that military organization, so essential to success in National Defense—an efficient Field Army.

### Some Practical Considerations Relative to Our Maneuvers

In planning a program for these maneuvers, I have been faced with many practical problems—an important one of which is related to the composition and strength of the units to be included in the Army. One group of advisors advocated an assumption that the units comprising the First Army be as stated in our paper plans and at war strength, armed and equipped with the modern armament we hope some day to secure. I have resisted this approach as unreal—as presenting a false picture and thereby deceiving you and our fellow citizens who are really concerned in the protection of their homes. Our training would be superficial and visionary and would mislead you as well as the public. Consequently, I have deemed it better to be realistic and to have a more practical approach by directing that the Army enter these exercises exactly as it stands—in a situation where an emergency has come upon us suddenly as it may—where we have been called into the field for active operations without delay. This is the basis of the War Department Initial Protective Force Plan. This is real—such a conception must bring home to us some of the actualities of our state of preparedness. The First Army, as it has taken the field this month, is not in fact an Army. It is a collection of individual units, lacking adequate army, corps and divisional troops, partially equipped and woefully short in the manpower, weapons, motors, etc., which experience has proven to be essential to an efficient field army. Let us consider these conditions in some detail:

### Comparison of FIRST ARMY and TYPE ARMY SHORTAGES

	FIRST ARMY	TYPE ARMY	Number	Percentage
75mm	480	300	180	36
155mm	432	84	348	83
3" AA	72	31	41	57
Machine Guns	4926	1863	3063	16
Auto Rifle	6963	2836	3827	57
Tanks	210	251	+41	over 16
Trucks	25,752	4,416	21,336	83
Personnel	321,475	75,116	246,359	77

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### The Journal Salutes

This week the ARMY AND NAVY Journal salutes:

Capt. Edwin A. Wolleson, USN, and Lt. Comdr. Grayson B. Carter, USN, commander and gunnery officer respectively, of the USS Tennessee winner of the Spokane Cup and the American Defense Society Cup.

Col. Ray L. Avery, CWS, USA, who has assumed his new duties as Commandant of the Chemical Warfare School and of Edgewood Arsenal, Md.

Col. Maurice E. Shearer, USMC, who has been assigned to command the Marine Barracks, Mare Island.

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### War Resources Board Meets

The new formed War Resources Board held its first meeting 17 Aug., but no information was given out as to the form of its deliberations or how long they in-

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tend to continue their present sessions. Members of the board present were Edward R. Settimius, Jr., Dr. Karl T. Compton, Dr. Harold G. Moulton, and John Lee Pratt. Walter S. Gifford and Brig. Gen. Robert E. Wood, the other two members, were out of the United States.

Acting Secretary Johnson, on behalf of the War Department, expressed his appreciation to the members of the Board for giving their time and their effort, and in some cases for foregoing their summer vacations, to attend this meeting. He indicated that the formation of the Board, long contemplated, carried no implications with respect to the present international situation but merely represented the final measure toward perfecting the Department's plans for industrial mobilization for an emergency. He also outlined the work that the existing Army and Navy Munitions Board had accomplished in the field of industrial war planning and announced that all available pertinent data in the possession of the War Department would be placed at the disposal of the new Board. He emphasized, however, that he expected the War Resources Board to investigate the subject thoroughly in its own way and to reach its own independent conclusions. He promised that whenever necessary existing plans will be revised to meet the Board's recommendations.

Mr. Johnson again pointed out that in a war emergency the Board would probably develop into an executive agency under the President to carry out the plans it will now be engaged in perfecting.

Acting Secretary Edison, on behalf of the Navy Department, expressed his gratification at the formation of this Board and his personal appreciation to its members for the spirit in which they had accepted the summons to public service.

### NBC Broadcasts Maneuvers

A broadcast adding the touch of wartime realism to the largest peacetime mobilization in U. S. history, will be presented exclusively by the National Broadcasting Company on Saturday, 19 Aug., over the NBC-Blue Network, at 10:30 p.m., EDST.

The 19 Aug. broadcast from Plattsburgh will present a program of the type indissolubly associated with wartime France—entertainment by officers and men themselves. Nine National Guard regiments have been asked to pick the best talent in their ranks, and the winners of competitive auditions will be presented in NBC's half-hour radio show.

### 7th Division Reunion

The Executive Committee of the 7th Division Association, met 15 Aug. at the Home of Col. Paul B. Parker of North Glebe Road, Arlington, Va., and the date for the annual reunion was set for 18 November, at the Raleigh Hotel, Washington, D. C. Opening and Registration will begin at 11 A. M. Luncheon at 1 P. M. Several Prominent Army Persons were invited, such as Secretary of War Woodring, Assistant Secretary Louis Johnson, and Brig. Gen. J. C. Marshall. It was also decided to show some Motion Pictures of the Division in action taken in France, and some Motion Pictures of more up to date War Machinery. The Personnel of the 7th Division comes mainly from New York, Philadelphia, Pa., Washington, D. C. and the South.

### House Committee on Trip

The House Military Affairs Committee is preparing to leave on a 17,000-mile inspection trip of the Army's air facilities. The committee will leave Washington on 20 Sept., and will return to Washington on 7 Nov. The committee will also inspect Army posts and stations enroute. The trip will be made entirely by air, in Army planes, with the exception of the San Francisco-Honolulu leg. At the present time it is not known just how many of the 25 committee members will make the trip.

The itinerary includes:

20 Sept., Washington to Wright Field, Ohio; 21 Sept., Wright Field to Chanute Field, Ill., and in afternoon to Scott Field, Ill., and Fort Leavenworth, Kans.; 22 Sept., Fort Leavenworth to Fort Riley, Kans., and in afternoon to Lowry Field, Denver, Colo.; 23 Sept., Denver to Salt Lake City and Ogden (to visit new air base) and to Cheyenne and Fort Francis E. Warren, Wyo.

24 Sept., Salt Lake City to Boise, Idaho, to Seattle, Wash., including a visit to the Boeing aircraft plant, which makes many Army planes; 25 Sept., Seattle to Fort Lewis, Wash., and the Northwest air base at McChord Field, and in afternoon to Medford, Ore., and Hamilton Field, San Francisco.

30 Sept., leaves San Francisco on Army transport Leonard Wood, arriving Honolulu, 6 Oct.; 12 Oct., leave Honolulu, arriving San Francisco 18 Oct.

20 Oct., San Francisco to Los Angeles to visit various aircraft manufacturing plants; 21 Oct., Los Angeles to March Field, Calif., via Muroc Lake Bombing Range, and to San Diego, to visit airplane factories; 22 Oct., San Diego to Tucson to El Paso to inspect cavalry division at Fort Bliss; 23 Oct., El Paso to San Antonio, to Brownsville, Tex.

24 Oct., Brownsville to Guatemala City, Guatemala, via Vera Cruz and Minatitlan, Mexico; 25 Oct., Guatemala City to Canal Zone, via Managua, Nicaragua, and David, Panama; 26 to 29 Oct., in Canal Zone.

30 Oct., Canal Zone to San Jose, Costa Rica; 31 Oct., San Jose to Guatemala City, via San Salvador, El Salvador; 1 Nov., Guatemala City to Mexico City, via Minatitlan and Vera Cruz; 2 Nov., Mexico City to San Antonio, Tex., via Brownsville and Kelly Field.

3-4 Nov., remain in San Antonio, visit Duncan Field, Brooks Field, Fort Sam Houston and Randolph Field; 4 Nov., Randolph Field to Barksdale Field, La.; 5 Nov., Barksdale Field to New Orleans and to Mobile, Ala., to visit new air depot and, in afternoon, to Tampa, Fla., to view site of new Southeast air base.

5-6 Nov., return to San Antonio, via Brownsville and Kelly Field.

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division headquarters was fully manned. To secure the personnel with which to improvise these units for this maneuver, I had to deplete our important Regular Army antiaircraft and coast defense units and gather in Regular officers from R. O. T. C., National Guard and Reserve duties, thereby weakening seriously important units of defense, which should be available for immediate action.

c. The only aviation that could be made available is corps observation. The current expansion of the army air corps prohibits our having any combat air units, so important for cooperative work with ground forces. Were combat aviation present, it would be my idea to demonstrate its uses on the battlefield by utilizing its potential powers to concentrate attacks initially on the hostile reserves, assembly areas and communications, and as the battle is joined, to bring its fire and bombing power into the ground fight for interdiction and counter-battery efforts and to facilitate the operations of the infantry.

d. No artillery of a caliber larger than that operating organically with infantry divisions (75's and 155 Howitzers) will be available and no army or corps artillery. Only two antiaircraft artillery regiments will be present.

e. No corps or army regular Chemical, Engineer, Signal, Motor, Medical or supply units except two signal battalions will be available.

f. We will have the mechanized Cavalry brigade and one battalion of tanks in addition to the divisional tank companies. These are our most modern weapons, yet few in comparison with our needs!

g. No anti-tank guns will be available. Only a few of the M1 semi-automatic rifles will be in the hands of the troops. While infantry regiments will use the latest organization, the heavy weapon companies thereof will lack modern equipment in many respects.

h. The normal motor transportation of a field army should be about 28,500 vehicles. We will have only 4,657. This is about 15% and such shortage will, of course, greatly influence our mobility, capabilities of supply and speedy transport of troops.

In the foregoing, I have enumerated only the more important weaknesses in the army preparedness picture. We may add thereto the inexperience of our officers and enlisted men in field exercises of large forces—the absence of the physical hardness required for active service, especially on the part of the National Guard and Reserves, and much ignorance concerning the conditions a soldier will encounter in the field and in battle—the field life of a soldier. These are real human handicaps which lack of preparedness has forced us to face before in most emergencies. Naturally, they have influenced me in prescribing your training in these exercises. I know you will utilize the superior qualities of our personnel to overcome them better than any other soldiers in the world. You will take the tools available and do your best.

**The Training Program for the Exercises**

With the considerations just mentioned in mind, I drew up a program for our exercises which in general terms comprises the following main objectives, stated in order of actual sequence:

First—Instruction in a hurried mobilization of the army, wherein we expand some existing organizations and create others, and by utilizing personnel from all components we improvise the higher commands, divisions—corps and army, as well as an umpire group.

Second—Instruction in the acquisition and organization of a suitable training area about Plattsburgh, N. Y., and Manassas, Virginia.

Third—Training in a hurried concentration of the Army in these areas—one third at Manassas and two thirds here at Plattsburgh. In this work we are using all means of transportation—marching, airplanes, motor convoys, railroads and even barges on the Hudson and Lake Champlain.

Fourth—Actual training of the troops in the field—from the viewpoint of the individual soldier to the highest command unit—the Army staff.

Fifth—Instruction in demobilizing forces and shipment home.

We have now accomplished all these objectives except the fourth and fifth. Due to the non-existence of higher commands in peace, the work and planning for the first, second and third steps has taken all winter, requiring frequent conferences with trans-

portation, supply and other agencies, as well as between the higher commanders and staffs. My directing staff, the Corps Area staffs, and those of the states and divisions have been busy along these lines for months. Of course, there would be no such time available were we called out with little or no warning. All of these preliminary arrangements would have to be made after the emergency arose, and time would not be available to meet many of our shortcomings. We have organized the army such as it is, the maneuver area of nearly 300,000 acres, set up a supply system and concentrated the Army therein. There has been lots of profitable training in these important phases. Now we are ready to take up the actual field training of the Army.

**General Scope of the Field Training of the First Army at Plattsburg**

We are limited to fifteen days for the whole period of training. Five and one-half of these days have to be devoted to mobilization, concentration and demobilization—to the shipment of the forces to and from their home stations, establishing camps, etc. Including Sundays, two and one-half days are needed for rest and recreation. This left me seven days for actual field training—i. e. maneuvers. This is rather a short period in which to knit together an army and make it efficient in coordinated combat. Adding to this limitation, the unhardened physical condition of most of the troops, you will realize that the scope of our actual field training has to be greatly restricted. Before entering into the rigors of an extended army maneuver a gradual hardening process for the personnel is essential. Then again, the minor tactics of battle, including the teaming of the cooperative arms, such as infantry and artillery, are best taught by small exercises which also give junior leaders opportunities for greatly needed training in independent leadership. These considerations, as well as others, have prompted our schedule which includes in order of sequence: first—two-sided reinforced regimental exercises; second—two-sided reinforced brigade exercises; third—two-sided corps exercise; and last—two-sided army exercise. The divisional exercises are included in the two-sided corps and army maneuvers.

In all of these exercises, air observation units, tanks, antiaircraft artillery, horse cavalry and mechanized cavalry, such as we have, will be included and be a part of each separate command. The supply of food, water and ammunition, and the care of the sick will be actually performed. There will be four overnight bivouacs, affording an opportunity to learn something of the conditions on a battlefield and the life of a soldier in the field in campaign.

**Headquarters Units**

Organization and functioning of the headquarters staffs in combat is a problem requiring your attention. Bear in mind that these headquarters are not limited to officers, but include many enlisted specialists and much mechanical office machinery. There are the focal point from which directions for operations issue. If they fail to perform their function of accurate thinking, swiftly translated into clear directives, the sacrifices of gallant troops will have been made in vain. Staffs have an invariable tendency to become too large. To guide and direct large military organizations, we require small compact headquarters, capable of functioning rapidly, with complete coordination. A staff routine and system of operation is an essential factor to insure businesslike and timely action—organization and procedure is necessary and should be developed in each staff group. They must operate, at times, twenty-four hours a day for several weeks, be prepared for rapid night movements, and it is imperative that members retain their vigor, health and mental alertness. Weariness and discouragement in the commander and his staff infect their troops instantly and disastrously.

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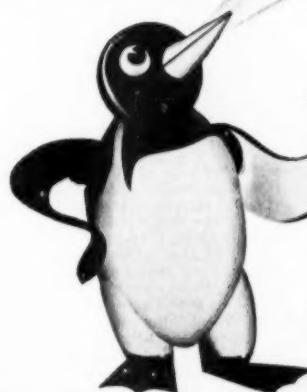
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## Navy Physical Exams

A complete revision of General Order 61, covering the annual physical examinations of officers of the Navy and Marine Corps was approved by Acting Secretary of the Navy Edison and issued to the service this week.

The new order carries out the recommendations of the Bureau of Navigation and the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, reported in last week's ARMY AND NAVY JOURNAL, that the annual examinations be held in September instead of December of each year and that, insofar as practicable, no officer be examined by a board any member of which is under his immediate command.

The issuance of the revised General Order was followed by the following announcement:

The Bureau of Navigation will direct special annual boards of medical officers to convene during the month of September 1939, at the following locations:

Naval Hospital, Portsmouth, N. H.  
Naval Hospital, Chelsea, Mass.  
Naval Hospital, Newport, R. I.  
Submarine Base, New London, Conn.  
Naval Hospital, Brooklyn, N. Y.  
Naval Hospital, Philadelphia, Pa.  
Naval Medical School, Washington, D. C.  
Naval Hospital, Annapolis, Md.  
Norfolk Naval Hospital, Portsmouth, Va.  
Naval Hospital, Charleston, S. C.  
Naval Hospital, Pensacola, Fla.  
Naval Hospital, Great Lakes, Ill.  
Naval Hospital, San Diego, Calif.  
Fleet Air Base, San Pedro, Calif.  
Naval Hospital, Mare Island, Calif.  
Naval Hospital, Puget Sound, Wash.

Officers on both shore and sea duty holding ranks of commander and above in the Navy, and lieutenant colonel and above in the Marine Corps, within fifty miles of place of meeting of special annual boards of medical officers, will be examined by any dental officer, and receive from him one copy of Bureau of Medicine and Surgery Form Y with dental questions, comments, and chart of teeth, signed by the dental officer in the margin nearest the dental chart. These officers will then further report to the nearest special annual board of medical officers with signed copy of Form Y for further physical examination.

## Warrant Officers Appointed

The following enlisted men have been issued acting appointments as warrant officers to rank from 15 Aug. 1939:

Boatswains—Joseph E. Stephenson, Quartermaster, 1st class, USS Langley; Frank Anderson, Boatswain's Mate, 1st class, USS Paul Jones; Luther L. Tyndall, Signalman, 1st class, USS Augusta.

Gunners—Rudolph Nikkonen, Fire Controlman, 1st class, USS Reid; Otha K. Russell, Turret Captain, 1st class, USS Brooklyn; Clifford E. Sweet, Chief Fire controlman, USS New Mexico.

## Navy Enlisted Allowance

Concerning quarters and subsistence allowances for navy enlisted men or change of station, the comptroller general this week ruled:

The allowances provided by Tables I and II of Executive Order 7293, 14 Feb. 1936, for subsistence and quarters to enlisted men under varying conditions are not cumulative but exclusive one of the other, and when the conditions of one Table are applicable there is no intent or purpose to allow at the same time allowances under the other Table.

Where a Navy enlisted man, upon permanent change of station, departs from his old station before 6:00 p. m., and reports to his new station on the same day, no station quarters allowance is payable at the old station under the provisions of section 11 of the act of June 10, 1922, 42 Stat. 630, and Executive Order 7293, 14 Feb. 1936, as for the day of departure, but if no quarters were furnished at the new station, the quarters allowance may be paid for that day as the date of arrival at the new station.

Where a Navy enlisted man departs from his permanent station before 6:00 p. m., upon permanent change of station, and Pullman accommodation or lodging is furnished at Government expense for the night of the day of departure from the old station, no station quarters allowance is payable for said day under section 11 of the act of 10 June 1922, 42 Stat. 630, and Executive Order 7293, 14 Feb. 1936, a travel status being involved and allowance credits being subject to Table No. II A of the Executive order, but as the Pullman accommodations furnished would pertain to the day preceding the day of arrival

at the new station, station quarters allowance may be paid for the date of arrival at the new station.

Where a Navy enlisted man, upon permanent change of station, reports at his new station on the day of departure from the old station and quarters were furnished at the old station, station quarters allowance may be paid for the day of arrival at the new station under the provisions of section 11 of the act of 10 June 1922, 42 Stat. 630, and Executive Order 7293, 14 Feb. 1936.

## Navy Day Observance

The Chief of Naval Operations, Admiral Harold R. Stark, USN, has sent a letter to the Naval Service stating that the Navy League of the United States will sponsor the observance of Navy Day on Friday, 27 Oct. 1939, and that the Navy will cooperate with the League. The letter stated "The Navy's participation in the observance of Navy Day in general will be similar to that of previous years."

In the observance of Navy Day, it is the desire of its sponsors to create a greater understanding of the aims, accomplishments and functions of the Navy. With this in view the theme for Navy Day 1939 will be "The Navy-Defender of Our Sea Frontiers."

Mr. H. Birchard Taylor, President Navy League of the United States, on 23 May 1939 sent the following letter to the Secretary of the Navy:

"It is a pleasure to inform you that the Navy League of the United States again will sponsor the annual observance of Navy Day, 27 Oct.; and, again, to request the cooperation of the Navy Department in this observance.

"Ever since the inauguration of Navy Day by the Navy League in 1922, other patriotic, veterans' and civic societies have aided wholeheartedly in making 27 Oct. a memorable day—and not alone by paying a deserved tribute to the sea heroes of the Nation.

"By availing ourselves of the cooperation of the great body of the press, the radio broadcasting stations, the motion picture and other agencies, always so helpful in the observance of Navy Day, a consideration of what our changing economic and commercial life means to them is brought home to millions; as well as a realization of the fact that our foreign trade is vital to our prosperity and material progress, and that only an adequate Navy and Merchant Marine can command respect for the just rights of our Nation and its nationals abroad, and serve as a stabilizer of both world and national peace.

"We believe that the annual observance of Navy Day is a potent factor in stimulating an interest in our Navy and a knowledge of its importance in our national life."

The late Secretary of the Navy Swanson on 2 June 1939 replied:

"I acknowledge your letter of 23 May in which you state the Navy League offers to sponsor Navy Day on 27 Oct.

"I am pleased to inform you for the Navy that I accept this invitation and assure you that we shall do all possible to cooperate and make the annual observance of Navy Day a success.

"I agree that this observance of Navy Day on Theodore Roosevelt's birthday does stimulate an interest in the Navy. It also gives the Navy an opportunity to have a day for 'at home' to our people.

"I am gratified at the happy relations that exist between the Navy League and the Navy and, under your presidency of the Navy League, I am quite sure that we shall have an outstanding Navy Day."

## EDO and AEDO Assignments

The Navy Department this week announced it could accept, up to 1 Oct. 1939, applications for assignments to Aeronautical Engineering Duty Only and Engineering Duty Only.

For the engineering duty only assignments, applications are desired from Lieutenant Commanders and those who have been selected for this grade. For the aeronautical engineering duty only assignments, Lieutenant Commanders, Lieutenants and those who have been selected for these grades are acceptable, provided that they have had eleven (11) years commissioned service.

## Enlisted Men's Transportation

A new Bureau of Navigation Circular Letter, No. 27-39, has been issued to cover allowances for transfer of enlisted men and their baggage to and from Naval stations and posts. The letter supersedes Letter No. 31-38, issued last August, but carries only a few minor changes.

## Naval Academy Admission

The Navy Department this week, acting on the report of the board of visitors and on recommendation of the Superintendent of the Naval Academy, revised the entrance requirements of the United States Naval Academy.

The new regulations, applicable to the class entering in 1940 and thereafter, eliminate ancient history as a required subject and increase the mathematics requirements, with chemistry added as a "must" for classes entering in 1941 and thereafter.

The mathematics requirements in a secondary school certificate will be increased to include one-half year ( $\frac{1}{2}$  unit) of Solid Geometry. Therefore, the minimum requirements in secondary school mathematics will be Algebra, one and one-half years ( $1\frac{1}{2}$  units), Plane Geometry, one year (1 unit), Solid Geometry, one-half year ( $\frac{1}{2}$  unit), and an additional half year ( $\frac{1}{2}$  unit) of pure mathematics which may be offered from Algebra, Plane Trigonometry, or other branch of pure mathematics.

The regular entrance examination in Geometry will be broadened to include Solid Geometry as well as Plane Geometry and the substantiating examination in "Mathematics" will also include Solid Geometry in combination with Algebra and Plane Geometry.

Ancient History will not be included in the regular examinations of 1940 or thereafter.

Effective for the class entering the Naval Academy in 1941 and thereafter, one year of high school Chemistry (1 unit), including both recitation and laboratory assignments, will be definitely required commencing with the class entering in 1941 instead of permitting the offering of Biology, General Science, Psychology, Mechanical Drawing, a modern foreign language or Latin as a required unit. In the regular examination, a separate examination in Chemistry will be included and the examination subjects for that year and thereafter will be English, U. S. History, Algebra, Geometry (Plane and Solid), Physics and Chemistry. In view of the foregoing,  $9\frac{1}{2}$  required units and  $5\frac{1}{2}$  optional units in subjects acceptable to the Naval Academy will be necessary for an acceptable secondary school certificate commencing in 1940.

## Navy Census Ordered

A census of the distribution of enlisted personnel of the entire naval service will be made as of 30 Sept. 1939 for use in hearings on the next Navy Department appropriation bill.

All commanding officers and ships and stations and commandants of naval districts have been asked to forward, in time to reach the department by 1 Nov., details of the number on board as ship's company, the number on board as flag, the number on board as passengers and the grand total, exclusive of Marines in each case.

## Officers Report Here

The following Navy officers have reported for duty in Washington, D. C.:

Comdr. R. W. Hayler, officer in charge naval torpedo station, Alexandria, Va.

Lt. Comdr. M. R. Greer, naval operations.

Lt. Comdr. H. R. Holcomb, naval operations.

Lt. Comdr. R. P. Parsons, MC, naval hospital.

Lt. D. R. Tompkins, MC, navy yard.

Capt. W. L. Darnall, DC, naval dental school.

## 244th CA Commander Retired

Col. Charles E. Ellard, commanding officer of the 244th Coast Artillery, of Manhattan, N. Y., who on 14 Aug. reached the age of 64, relinquished command of his unit on 15 Aug. to Lt. Col. Malcolm Force, executive officer of the 244th. Colonel Ellard had served in the New York National Guard 22 years.

The 244th Coast Artillery is now in training at Camp Smith, Peekskill, N. Y.

## Photographer to Antarctic

A chief photographer of the Navy, Arthur J. Carroll, has been chosen as head photographer of the expedition which the government is sending to Antarctica this October under command of Rear Adm. Richard E. Byrd, USN-Ret.

Arthur has a brother, George A. Carroll, who is also a chief photographer and who is now on duty as instructor of the slide film school at the Navy Department. Both entered the Navy as seamen strikers but soon entered naval photography, have been in charge of the fine Naval Photographic Laboratories at San Diego, Pearl Harbor and Anacostia, and are recognized as among the Navy's best aerial and motion picture photographers.

George entered the Navy in July 1922, Arthur in October 1924. Both are graduates of the Naval School of Photography at Pensacola and the special course in motion picture photography at Paramount Studios, Hollywood, Calif.

## Attache for Cuba Entertains

Col. Ross E. Rowell, USMC, naval attache and naval attache for air to Havana, Cuba, formally opened his office in the Cuban capital 1 Aug. with an "open house" at which high ranking officials of the Cuban armed forces and of Havana attended. Also present was the United States ambassador to Cuba, Mr. J. Butler Wright.

Establishment of the post of naval attache and naval attache for air to Cuba three months ago was a demonstration of the regard the United States has for the capabilities of the Cuban military establishment.

## Marine Reserve Appointments

The Navy Department announced this week 60 appointments as second lieutenant, Marine Corps Reserve have been made and ten candidates for aviation training at the Naval Air Station, Pensacola, have been designated as aviation cadets. Eleven officers have been promoted to higher ranks in the Reserve.

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**First Army Maneuvers**

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tions forced by the Problem and private property.

**Competition Between Units**

Our American soldiers enjoy a healthy competitive spirit. We can secure many advantages by utilizing this characteristic. Consequently, I hope you will inject competition into all phases of our camp and field life during the maneuvers. Please make effective in this connection my instructions for recognition of outstanding services in the maneuvers.

**Private Property—Claims**

Instructions have been issued in detail reference private property and claims. I am sure you and your soldiers realize the importance of care in this particular, especially care against fires.

**Conclusions**

a. The Soul of an Army—The acme of efficiency in combat springs from the soul of an army—its *esprit de corps*—that fraternal comradeship which inspires individual and group confidence, determination and the mutual respect and affection which engender the spirit of willing sacrifice for the success of the whole. The development of these qualities in the leaders insures similar traits in the lower ranks.

As our Army and its Corps assemble as units in peace only once in several years, the value and inculcation of these human qualities should receive close attention in our field exercises. Let us endeavor to think, plan and act in the spirit of the First Army, I, II and Provisional Corps, and knit ourselves into the combat teams these great fighting units represent.

While we live in a machine age—militarily as well as commercially—let us not forget that success in battle in the final analysis is secured by man. His desires to become efficient, his willingness to meet hardships and to make the supreme sacrifice, are inspired by his respect and affection for and confidence in his leaders. The personality of the leader is a vital factor. Who ever heard of the numerical designation of Civil War units? It was Hancock's, Longstreet's or Jackson's corps! Success in battle will seldom be secured except through personal leadership—so in this machine age, we must guard against the danger of the mechanical element dominating the human side.

b. Conclusion—It is a pleasure to welcome you here. I hope that the exercises upon which we are about to enter will prove both interesting and instructive. It is my earnest desire that every effort be made to take advantage of each opportunity for the training of the individual as well as the unit. The umpires have been directed to give exercises of various kinds to battalions and regiments in reserve when it is evident that they are going to remain in such condition for some time. During the actual army maneuver I have given instructions that the umpires shall prepare and give problems to the battalion commanders which will maintain interest and further the instruction of the smaller units. Particularly will they observe the close contact essential between the infantry and the artillery.

I am very happy that in this exercise we have the three components of the Army of the United States represented, and distributed throughout the command. These contacts will develop a mutual respect among these components and will tend to develop a more efficient army of the United States.

I again welcome you to the First Army Maneuvers. I know that both individually and as a group you will work hard for the success of our maneuvers, and I am sure that we all will have a profitable two weeks.

**South Pole Volunteers Asked**

Four Navy officers have been asked by Acting Secretary of the Navy Charles Edison to volunteer for the government's Antarctic Expedition which will leave Boston in October under command of Rear Adm. Richard E. Byrd, USN-Ret. The officers will be employed in staking out land claims of the United States in Antarctica.

Secretary Edison has asked for one lieutenant commander and three lieutenants.

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**U. S. COAST GUARD**

COAST GUARD officials said this week that the full consolidation of the Coast Guard with the Lighthouse Service must wait the ruling of the Comptroller General on the status of funds appropriated heretofore under the head "Lighthouse Service." It was stated that approximately \$11,000,000 of Lighthouse Service funds are involved in the decision.

It is expected that his ruling will be handed down within a few days. Meanwhile, the Coast Guard is delaying the commissioning of former Lighthouse Service personnel in the Coast Guard. However, as the reorganization plan provides that no more employees be added to the rolls under the head "Lighthouse Service," the Coast Guard is filling vacancies in the Lighthouse Service occurring on account of death, retirement, resignation, etc., with Coast Guard personnel. Reports are now coming into Washington from the field carrying suggestions apropos the more efficient operation of the newly combined units. In each of the thirteen new districts, a board is sitting to discuss various problems that must be solved in the consolidation and to recommend to Headquarters the best method of approaching the individual problems.

**Coast Guard Academy Class**

At New London, the largest class in Coast Guard Academy history is now being assembled. The new fourth class will comprise eighty-eight cadets, eight more than were contemplated a short time ago. The ARMY AND NAVY JOURNAL of 12 Aug. 1939, carried the names of the first 59 appointees. The names of the additional 29 appointees are as follows:

William C. Slaughter Charles E. Norton  
Louis A. Voise James W. Moreau  
William E. Baldwin George P. Grieshaber  
George T. Grotte Cyril V. Storer  
Ernest H. Burt, Jr. John M. Waters, Jr.

Wallace C. Magathan, Clyde C. Roshon  
Frederick C. Munch-jr. James W. McGary  
meyer Joseph B. Perkins  
Glenn E. Murphy Kenneth M. Hammer  
Marcus H. McGarity Ward J. Davis  
James W. Christman Opie L. Dawson  
Harry E. Haff, Jr. Robert J. Wescott  
Richard H. Welton Frederick A. Gottel  
Adrian M. O'Beck Francis G. Bartlett

**Coast Guard at Camp Perry**

Over 60 officers and enlisted men are now at Camp Perry to compete in the National Matches. The Coast Guard contingent is commanded by Lt. D. H. Dexter, assisted by Lt. D. D. Hesler, Lt. (jg) W. S. Bakutis, Lt. (jg) E. A. Cascini, Ens. C. R. Couser, Gnr. W. Mitchell and Pay Clk. D. P. Burke. Lt. L. H. Marine is also at Camp Perry in an advisory capacity.

The Coast Guard team has developed rapidly since it began active competition at Wakefield, Mass. Hampered by a somewhat green team, it is hoped nevertheless to at least retain the standing in the National Matches attained last year when the Coast Guard finished third behind the Infantry and the Marines. It is interesting to note that since 1935, when the CG team finished sixth, each year has seen an advance in rating. Progressing upward, the Coast Guard very nearly scored an upset win last year only to be nosed out in a "blanket" finish.

The enlisted men on the Coast Guard squad at Camp Perry as follows:

August S. Hess	Elliott H. Lane
R. H. Whitaker	Robert K. Boyer
Kenneth R. Goodwin	Robert L. Byrd
Marcus N. Cobb	W. W. Whistler
Paul Goulden	Carl M. Maxon
Melvyn O. Wilson	Joseph J. Johnson
Carl O. Thomas	Einar K. A. Talen
Berry W. Hawthorne	Carl D. McNulty
George R. Pearce	Paul S. Jones

Peter Marcoux Lenos G. Baker  
Arthur P. Minor Paul A. Bleacher  
Lawrence W. Parish John A. Wootten  
Richard I. Tipton Veri G. Tisdale  
Manson E. Meekins Vincent F. Delaney  
Berlette E. Matthews F. V. Henry  
Charles A. Good A. R. Drane, Jr.  
Joseph Fontaine William F. Heinzel  
William H. Kopp Merlin B. Killmon  
Russel A. Bunker Lloyd P. Nordholm  
George L. Taylor David T. Ruley  
Paul Johnson Gordon R. Wren  
Sterling H. Stricklett Joseph A. Cournoyer  
Rudolph Jones Samuel N. Low  
Joseph J. Glover William Smith  
Charlie B. Lockett Louis E. Price  
Russel D. Erickson Patrick D. Hebert  
John W. Short

**Central American Cruise**

Preparations are now getting under way at headquarters for the Central American cruise of one large cutter and one 103 foot cutter to Central American Republics to demonstrate the activity of the Coast Guard. As yet the vessels to make the cruise have not been designated. Comdr. Ellis Reed-Hill, USCG, has been named liaison officer on the cruise which is expected to be of about three months duration. The vessels will carry motion pictures showing Coast Guard work and will carry all sorts of life-saving equipment together with a surf-boat crew to demonstrate life-saving methods.

**Twenty Year Retirement Law**

Approximately 53 applications have been received at Headquarters for retirement under the newly enacted twenty-year retirement law. It was stated that a board will be convened in the near future to act on these requests. Officials stated that as yet no hard and fast rule has been devised with regard to granting the retirement requests and pointed out that each individual case must be judged on its own merits. It is assumed that physical condition of the applicant will be one of the major factors. The Coast Guard, during its present period of stress and strain, is loath to lose the services of experienced enlisted personnel.

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"Cherish peace while preparing for defensive war."—JOHN QUINCY ADAMS.

Editor, ARMY AND NAVY JOURNAL:

I have been trying to figure the cost to you of the surveys of Service sentiment which you have been making. With the number of officers on the promotion list at 11,385, and the postage of 3 cents which you must pay on first class mail, it is not difficult for me to figure that your stamp bill alone is \$341.55. In addition, you pay 2 cents return postage, and if all the officers reply as they should, that cost would be \$227.70. Then there are your stationary, mimeographing, addressing, clerical hire, etc. The gross total should be seven or eight hundred dollars. Because I am a continuous subscriber to the ARMY AND NAVY JOURNAL, I am enclosing check for \$4 for renewal. I know you have made three surveys and are now on your fourth. In short you have spent a respectable figure, as much as my pay for a year. I do not see how you can get back the money you have spent, but in view of the legislative results I realize your policy has been effective. For one, I am grateful.

Captain, U.S.A.

OUR CORRESPONDENT IS CORRECT. Surveys to ascertain Service sentiment are expensive, but experience has demonstrated their value in important directions. It always has been our contention that only through contentment of the Personnel can there be achieved that high morale and efficiency which are essential for effective preparation for war. That contentment cannot exist when the mass views of the officers are not consulted and known. The old practice of a small group determining what is best for the Army and an uninformed Congress accepting without question its judgment, gave rise to misunderstanding and resentment in the Field with the natural result of disappointment and dissatisfaction. The Surveys we have conducted have changed that procedure, and without impairing authority have made authority more understanding and its task consequently easier. There was opposition in high quarters to our first survey. Now those same quarters desire to know the sentiment of officers, and to guide themselves in accordance with it and at the same time the other vital necessities of the Government. We may now reveal that it was Secretary Woodring who hailed our survey on the promotion bill which he transmitted to Congress in June, and it is the Minority Subcommittee of the House Military Committee which has asked us to obtain the reaction as between the Woodring plan and the one it has fashioned. In short in official and congressional circles there has been developed an earnest desire, indeed an anxiety, to learn the views of the officers themselves on questions affecting their morale, and to obtain suggestions of solutions that will be generally advantageous. From now on we may be sure that in framing legislation affecting the personnel, there will be taken into account Service sentiment, and while mistakes will be made in the future—officials and Congress are human—at least the Personnel can feel that what they think and what they have proposed, have been carefully considered.

In bringing about this situation, the ARMY AND NAVY JOURNAL has had to spend money as its Correspondent indicates. Each Survey has cost us approximately \$1,000. It has been suggested that we are engaged in a circulation stunt; if so the subscribers we have gained have been exceedingly costly. Of more importance than the addition to our Subscription list, an addition which is desirable because thereby our power is increased, is the fact that we are performing the mission we hold to be the primary purpose of this publication, to serve the Services in every proper field, and particularly to bring about that contentment without which these cannot be high moral and supreme efficiency.

BECAUSE OF THE SECRET nature of its training, much of the hard work of the officers and enlisted men of the United States Fleet goes unnoticed and unpraised by the bulk of citizens. The policy makers at the Department have decided that such tangible evidences of efficiency as gunnery scores, communication ratings, etc., should be kept from the American public. There is much gratification, therefore, in Admiral Leahy's revelation in his annual report that the "battle efficiency of our Fleet and the training and morale of our men are believed to be unequalled by any major naval power." Behind Admiral Leahy's statement are seasons of intensive training in gunnery, communications, engineering and all the elements that go to make a highly trained sea force. That this trained personnel, with its highly developed team-work, should be retained in the service and not permitted to suffer by continual turn-overs is emphasized by Admiral Leahy who stresses "permanency of personnel" as a primary requisite of efficiency. Essential to this permanency of personnel are satisfactory systems of pay and promotion, both of which problems will be before the next session of Congress. For the splendid progress in Fleet efficiency all honor to the hard working officers and men. The public should know more of them!

## Service Humor

### Doubly Thankful

The Soldier at Fort Devens Is grateful, let me say,  
For the Presidential action  
Amer Thanksgiving Day.  
For on Thursday the 23rd Turkey he will eat,  
And on the Thursday following He'll have the same fine treat.

The Soldier at Fort Benning Disgruntled is, and sore,  
He can have but turkey once  
And not get any more.  
For unlike the old Bay State Ironed in strong tradition Georgia rushed herself to place Besides FDR's position.

Now this I do avow, declare,  
In discrimination murky,  
Why should the man in Yankeeland Have dinner twice of Turkey?  
And I who like the toothsome bird Can have it only once.  
It ain't fair, it ain't by gum!  
To favor so that Devens bum.

### Golf Club Mystery

ITEM: Advt. in a recent Ft. Jay (N. Y.) "Daily Bulletin"—"FOUND: A golf club on roof of West Machine Gun Range. Owner may obtain by identification."

ITEM: The West Machine Gun Range is hard by tricky Number 3 Hole on the devilish nine-hole Governors Island Golf Course.

ITEM: To land on the green on Number 3 Hole one has to clear the Quadrangle Moat hazard and a sandtrap bogey which has driven the few remaining hairs from many a GI duffer's pate.

ITEM: It's an easy heave from Number 3 to the roof of the West Machine Gun Range.

ITEM: Up to time of going to press, the golf club has not been claimed.

H. E. S.

The Warrant Officer dashed from the boat landing to a telephone and called up the hospital where his wife had undergone an operation.

"How is my wife?" he anxiously inquired.

"She's resting easily."

"Huh, that's what she does at home."

### Last Line Limericks

Honors, in the form of "Honorable Mention," goes to "H. S. P." for supplying the winning last line to last week's limerick. As completed the limerick now reads:

Maneuvers and CPX's,  
Give Soldiers hot weather hexes,  
'Till the Springfield .30  
Feels as big as a tree  
And wrecks personality complexes.

Sharpen up your wits by supplying the last line to this week's limerick. Send your contributions to the Humor Editor, ARMY AND NAVY JOURNAL, 1711 Connecticut Avenue, Northwest, Washington, D. C. Get your answers in early!

There was a Navy pharmacist  
Who with bandages had quite a twist  
He laddled out drugs  
'Til he nearly went bugs

## ASK THE JOURNAL

SEND your queries to the ARMY AND NAVY JOURNAL QUESTION EDITOR and an answer will be given in this column as soon as possible after receipt.

G. K.—There are nine staff sergeants in the Remount Section of the Quartermaster Corps. Since promotion in that branch is so slow it is impossible to state whether or not you will be promoted from the new eligible list. The chances are about even.

R. R. C.—You are No. 2 on the present eligible list and have a possible chance for promotion before it expires 31 Oct. 1939.

E. H. H.—Congress has already enacted legislation, approved by the President, which made the pay of Army officers taxable by the States.

C. O. H.—The Surgeon General's Office here does not handle promotions to fourth grade, and to find your position on the eligible list for that grade it will be necessary to address your question to the Corps Area Commander. On the readjustment of grades 1 July the 7th Corps Area at large obtained one additional sergeant.

R. O. B.—You are No. 2 on the eligible list about which you asked and ahead of the two colored NCO's who are on the list. Promotions since 7 July appeared in our 12 Aug. issue.

## In The Journal

### 10 Years Ago

Maj. R. A. Keiser, VC, USA, is this week attending the convention of the American Veterinary Medical Association at Detroit. Major Keiser is chairman of several of the association's important committees.

### 20 Years Ago

General John J. Pershing, General of the Armies of the United States, and his staff arrived in Rome from Paris this week for the purpose of presenting decorations to a number of Italian Army officers and to visit several of the more important Italian battlefields.

### 30 Years Ago

Maj. T. Bently Mott, USA, military attache at Reims to witness the aviation tournament, is especially interested in the weight carrying abilities of the various machines under trial. It is understood that the Wright planes are among the foremost at the meet.

### 50 Years Ago

The Emperor of Austria visited the Emperor of Germany at Berlin this week and, according to the despatches, the two Kaisers were very friendly with each other, thereby giving another occasion for the oft-expressed opinion that "the peace of Europe is assured."

### 75 Years Ago

We have the pleasure of recording this week a brilliant naval victory gained in Mobile Bay by the hero of New Orleans Admiral Farragut.

War Department  
Organized Reserves

## ARMY ORDERS

Secretary of War  
**Harry H. Woodring**

The Assistant Secretary of War  
**Louis Johnson**

Acting Chief of Staff  
**Brig. Gen. George C. Marshall**

### GENERAL OFFICES

Brig. Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell, from Pres. of San Francisco, Calif., to 3d Inf., Ft. Sam Houston, Tex.

Brig. Gen. Robert C. Foy, from Chicago, Ill., to Hdqrs., 2d CA, Governors Island, N. Y.

Brig. Gen. Harley B. Ferguson, Pres. of Miss. R. Comm., retired, for age, 31 Aug. 1939.

### QUARTERMASTER CORPS

MAJ. GEN. HENRY GIBBONS, QMG  
Col. Frederick W. Van Duyne, retired for age, 31 Dec. 1939, from Boston, Mass.

Maj. Rohland A. Isker, (Cav.), to QMC, 3 Aug. 1939, from Ft. Clark, Tex., to Chicago QM Depot, Ill.

Capt. Andrew T. McNamara, from Ft. Devens, Mass., to QM School, Phila., Pa., 9 Sept.

Capt. Kester L. Hastings, from Ft. Douglas, Utah, 1 Sept., to Ogden Ordnance Depot, Utah.

Capt. Braxton D. Butler, (Inf.), QMC, to QMC, 8 Aug. 1939.

Capt. Wallace H. Honnold, (Inf.), from Ft. Benning, Ga., to QMC School, Phila., Pa., 9 Sept.

Capt. George H. Dietz, (Inf.), prior orders, from Ft. Winfield Scott, Calif., 31 May, to Ft. Frances E. Warren, Wyo., revoked, to Ft. George Wright, Wash.

Capt. Braxton DeG. Butler, from Ft. Benning, Ga., to QM School, Phila., Pa., as student.

1st Lt. Christian F. Dreyer, from Sacramento, Calif., to office QMG, Wash., D. C., sail S. F., 30 Aug.

### MEDICAL DEPARTMENT

MAJ. GEN. JAMES C. MAGEE, The SG  
Medical Corps

Col. William H. Moncrief, retired for disability incident to the service, 31 Aug.

Lt. Col. Fletcher O. McFarland, retired, disability incident to the service, 31 Aug. 1939.

Lt. Col. William D. Mueller, retired, disability incident to the service, 31 Aug. 1939.

### Nurses Corps

2nd Lt. Catharine Wolfe, retired for age, 31 Aug. 1939.

### FINANCE DEPT.

MAJ. GEN. FREDERICK W. BOSCHEN,  
C. of F.

Lt. Col. Emmet C. Morton, retired, disability incident to the service, 31 Aug. 1939, from Governors Island, N. Y.

### ORDNANCE DEPARTMENT

MAJ. GEN. CHARLES M. WESSON, C. of O.  
Maj. Richard C. Coupland, from office of C. of O., Wash., D. C., to office of C. of AC, Wash., D. C.

Capt. Wiley T. Moore, from Selfridge Fld., Mich., 1 Sept., to office of C. of O., Wash., D. C.

1st Lt. James A. Cain, Jr., (FA), from Ft. Knox, Ky., 15 Oct., to Maxwell Fld., Ala.

### CHAPLAIN CORPS

Ch. WILLIAM R. ARNOLD, C. of Ch.  
Ch. John T. DeBardelaben, from Ft. Totten, N. Y., 15 Sept., to Ft. Stevens, Ga.

### CAVALRY

MAJ. GEN. J. K. HERR, C. of Cav.  
Col. Chas. B. Amory, prior orders, from Balto., Md., to Mass. State College, Amherst, Mass., revoked.

Maj. Mordant V. Turner, from Ft. Knox, Ky., to duty with QMC, 1 Sept., to Army and Navy General Hospital, Hot Springs, National Park, Ark.

Capt. H. Jordan Theis, from Ft. Oglethorpe, Ga., 15 Sept., to Mass State College, Amherst, Mass.

### FIELD ARTILLERY

MAJ. GEN. ROBERT M. DANFORD,  
C. of FA

Lt. Col. Harold H. Ristine, from Maxwell Fld., Ala., to Governors Island, N. Y.

Maj. Samuel D. Bedinger, from Ft. Hoyle, Md., 1 Oct., to Org. Res., Haverhill, Mass.

Capt. Hugh F. Conrey, from Ft. D. A. Russell, Tex., to Hawaiian Dept., sail S. F., 29 Nov.

Capt. Roswell B. Hart, prior orders, from Ft. Bragg, N. C., to Hawaiian Dept., sail N. Y., 7 Nov., revoked.

Capt. Harry L. Watts, Jr., from Ft. Bragg, N. C., 1 Sept., to Alabama Polytechnic Institute, Auburn, Ala.

1st Lt. William R. Huber, prior orders, from Ft. Sill, Okla., to FA School, Ft. Sill,

## OFFICIAL ORDERS

## NAVY ORDERS

Acting Secretary of the Navy  
**Charles Edison**

Chief of Naval Operations  
**Admiral Harold R. Stark, USN**

10 August 1939

Comdr. Charles B. Monsen, det. off. in Chge., Experimental Diving Unit, Navy Yard, Wash., D. C., in Sept.; to CO, USS Sirius.

Lt. (jg) Russell C. Williams, det. Nav. Oper., Navy Dept. abt. 15 Aug.; to cfo USS Trippe & on bd. when comm.

Rear Adm. Christian J. Peoples (SC), det. Office of Secy. Navy, Navy Dept. 15 Aug.; to Genl. Inspr., Supply Corps, Pacific Coast.

Condr. Eaton C. Edwards (SC), det. 12th Nav. Dist.; continue trmt. Nav. Hosp., Mare Is., Calif.

**Asiatic Detach Orders Dated 8 August 1939**

Condr. Leonard N. Linsley, det. CO, Nav. Sta., Olangoapo, P. I.; to Rec. Ship, New York, N. Y.

Lt. Comdr. Lawrence E. Divoll, bu. Nav. ords. modified. To USS Black Hawk.

Condr. Joseph B. Anderson, det. 16th Nav. Dist.; to Rec. Ship, San Fran., Calif.

Lt. Comdr. Valentine L. Pottle, det. USS Augusta; to Rec. Ship, San Fran., Calif.

Lt. Comdr. Philip R. Kinney, Asiatic ords. modified. To 6th Nav. Dist.

Lt. Bernard M. Gates, Asiatic ords. modified. To USS Arkansas.

Lt. Clarence J. Ballreich, Asiatic ords. modified. To Rec. Ship, Phila., Pa.

Lt. Thomas C. Parker, to USS Asheville.

Lt. Raymond L. Mayo, to USS Marblehead.

Lt. Robert H. G. Johnson, to 16th Nav. Dist.

Lt. Walter E. Linawenver, to USS Augusta.

Lt. Louis D. McGregor, Jr., to USS Canopus.

Lt. Doir C. Johnson, det. USS Augusta; to 9th Nav. Dist.

Lt. (jg) Warren S. Macleod, det. USS Parrott; to USS Tennessee.

Lt. (jg) David H. McClintock, det. USS Barker; to Instn. Subm. Base, New London, Conn.

Lt. (jg) John J. Powers, det. USS Augusta; to USS Utah.

Lt. (jg) Thomas H. Massie, to USS Texas.

Lt. (jg) James B. Denny, det. USS Augusta; to USS Rathburne.

Ens. James A. Pridmore, to USS Bulwer.

Ens. Louis J. Gulliver, Jr., to USS Augusta.

Lt. Alton R. Higgins (MC), det. USS Black Hawk; to 4th Marines.

Lt. (jg) George J. Kohut (MC), det. 4th Marines; to USS Black Hawk.

Carp. J. Herbert Walls, det. USS Canopus; to USS Pennsylvania.

Pay Clk. Stephen L. Kusprzak, Asiatic ords. modified. To 11th Nav. Dist.

Pay Clk. Charles R. Snyder, to USS Pecos.

Pay Clk. John A. Donecho, det. USS Pecos; to Rec. Ship, San Fran., Calif.

II August 1939

Lt. John A. Collett, det. Patrol Sqdn. 22 in Aug.; to Patrol Sqdn. 23.

Lt. (jg) Paul D. Bule, det. Patrol Sqdn. 22 in Aug.; to Patrol Sqdn. 25.

Lt. (jg) Elwin L. Farrington, det. Patrol Sqdn. 22 in Aug. or Sept.; to Patrol Sqdn. 21.

Lt. (jg) Reuben E. Stanley, det. Patrol Sqdn. 21 in Aug.; to Patrol Sqdn. 23.

Lt. (jg) Charles H. Turner, det. Instn. Nav. Air Sta., Pensacola, Fla., abt. 30 Aug.; to Bombing Sqdn 4 (USS Ranger).

Ens. Joseph L. Evans, det. Instn. Nav. Air Sta., Pensacola, Fla., abt. 21 Aug.; to Sqdn. 72, (USS Wasp).

Ens. Richard L. Fowler, det. Instn. Nav. Air Sta., Pensacola, Fla., abt. 21 Aug.; to Sqdn. 71, (USS Wasp).

Ens. Jack C. Moore, det. Instn. Nav. Air Sta., Pensacola, Fla., abt. 21 Aug.; to Torp. Sqdn. 5, (USS Yorktown).

Ens. Paul B. Ryan, det. Instn. Nav. Air Sta., Pensacola, Fla., abt. 21 Aug.; to Fighting Sqdn. 7 (USS Wasp).

Lt. Cecil H. Coggins (MC), det. Instn. Nav. Hosp., San Diego, Calif., abt. 26 Oct.; to Nav. Hosp., Puget Sound, Wash.

Capt. Edward T. Hoopes (SC), det. Genl. Inspr., Supply Corps, West Coast, San Fran., Calif., 16 Oct.; to home, relieved all active duty.

Lt. Comdr. Marvin McCray (SC) det. Instn. to Off. in Chge., Navy Purchasing Off., San Fran., Calif., in Aug.; to dish. officer & addl. duty asst. to supply officer, 12th Nav. Dist.

Lt. Lingurn H. Burkhead (CC), det. USS Vestal abt. 9 Aug.; to Navy Yard, Puget Sound, Wash.

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Lt. Comdr. Campbell H. Minekier, det. Aide to Supt., Naval Academy, in Aug.; to cfo USS Wasp and on bd. when comm.

Lt. James A. Adkins, det. USS S-22 in Oct.; to cfo USS Seawolf and on bd. when comm.

Navy Department  
Marine Corps

Lt. Lloyd J. S. Aitkens, relieved addl. duty Instructor, USNR, Duluth, Minn.; continue addl. duty Instructor USNR, St. Paul and Minneapolis, Minn.

Lt. David W. Hardin, addl. duty Instructor USNR, Grand Rapids, Mich.

Lt. Guy B. Helmick, relieved addl. duty Instructor USNR 9th Nav. Dist., St. Louis area.

Lt. Gerard B. Creagh (MC), det. Nav. Prov. Grnd., Dahlgren, Va., in Aug.; to USS Hannibal.

Lt. Paul M. Crossland (MC), det. USS Hannibal; to Instn. Naval Hospital, Phila., Pa.

Lt. (jg) Louis E. Daily (MC), ora. 14 July to Instn. Nav. Med. Sch., Wash., D. C. revoked; continue duty Navy Yard, Phila., Pa.

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## MARINE CORPS

Major General Commandant  
**Maj. Gen. Thomas Holcomb**

Brig. Gen. Douglas C. McDougal, ora. 20 July to duty as CG, Dept. of Pacific, San Francisco, revoked. On 13 Aug. det. MB, Parris Island, to Hdqrs., Marine Corps, Wash., D. C.

Brig. Gen. Calvin B. Matthews, promoted to rank of Brig. General, subject to confirmation, on 8 Aug., with rank from 1 July 1939.

Lt. Col. Charles A. Wynn, abt. 15 Oct. det. Hdqrs., Dept. of Pacific, San Francisco, to MB, NYD, Cavite, P. I., via SS President Coolidge, sailing San Francisco, 20 Oct.

Capt. George O. Van Orden, abt. 11 Sept. det. MD, RR, Wakefield, Mass., ordered temporary duty Ordnance Field Service School, Raritan Arsenal, N. J., from 15 Sept. to 15 Dec., then to MB, Quantico, Va.

2nd Lt. John G. Walsh, Jr., abt. 11 Sept. det. MD, RR, Cape May, N. J., ordered temporary duty Ordnance Field Service School, Metuchen, N. J., from 15 Sept. to 15 Dec., then to MB, Quantico, Va.

Ch. Pay Clk. John J. Reidy, ora. to Office, Paymaster, N. E. Pay Area, Phila., Pa., modified; on arrival San Francisco, ordered to FMF, MC, San Diego.

Following officers were promoted to grades indicated, by and with the advice and consent of Senate, on 10 Aug. with rank from dates indicated:

Maj. Clarence J. Chappell, 1 Aug. 1939, No. 1.

Capt. Theodore C. Turnage, Jr., 1 July 1939, No. 1B.

Capt. James M. Masters, Jr., 1 July 1939, No. 20.

1st Lt. William F. Kramer, 4 June 1939, No. 15.

On acceptance of appointment, following second lieutenants ordered to Basic School, MB, NYD, Phila., Pa.:

Lee A. Christoffersen

Richard M. Day

George T. Fowler

Joseph A. Gray

Robert W. Kaiser

Louis Metzger

William G. Muller, Jr.

Martin E. W. Ostrich

John T. Rooney

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## SERVICE NEWS AND GOSSIP

**Foreign Affairs**—That another crisis critical in character, is about to engulf Europe is apparent from the press dispatches emanating from the capitals of the Old World. Concentration of ships and troops, ostensibly for manoeuvres, intensification of belligerent propaganda, feverish activities of diplomats, furnish evidence of the state of nerves of the governments of the several nations. President Roosevelt aboard the *Tuscaloosa*, described the situation as the same as it had been for the past two weeks, and that, he added, was a little worse than a month or two before. Representative Fish who had been attacking the President for promoting war hysteria, saw the Foreign Ministers of Great Britain, France and Germany, and expressed fear of war. To avert the catastrophe he is proposing to the Interparliamentary Union Congress at Stockholm that it urge a truce for thirty days during which negotiations for the settlement of controversies could be conducted. German troops are digging trenches along the Upper Silesian border, census of population in Germany, and in England, too, is under way so that effective mobilization of manpower can be made. So apprehensive has become Switzerland that she has announced regulations for the rationing of food in case of war.

The "burning question," to quote the communiqué issued after the meeting of the German and Italian Foreign Ministers, is Danzig. Hitler appears determined not only to seize it, but to acquire a passage way across the Polish Corridor to East Prussia. As a matter of fact the infiltration of storm troops and weapons into the Free City has given him de facto possession, but he is insisting upon recognized occupation, and there are rumors that he may send additional troops to enforce it, and confront the Poles with a fait accompli. The British and French say that if the latter decide to fight, they will support them, but there is no way they can get direct support to that northwestern front. Poland, therefore, would have to bear the onus of German attack, since Russia continues to flirt with the Entente, and Roumania, which would be a channel for British and French assistance, might probably decide that discretion is the better part of valor, and remain aloof from the conflict.

In the meantime, efforts are being made to impress Hitler with the desirability of a peaceful settlement of the Danzig dispute. The League of Nations Commissioner to Danzig, at the instance of the British authorities, called upon him and discussed at length the Danzig situation. Subsequently he returned to the Free city, conferred with the Polish Commissioner General, and the latter went to Warsaw where he consulted Foreign Minister Beck. To show Hitler the advantages of peace, our State Department revealed that it is willing to extend credits to Germany, and to sell wheat and cotton at low prices, provided she will agree to progressive disarmament, abandon barter trade and stabilize the mark. The proposal met with slight favor in Berlin, which continues resentful for the recall of the American Ambassador and the application of a countervailing duty. To induce Yugo-Slavia to refuse assistance to the Axis Powers, reports state that the British and French are preparing to make a huge loan to her. Thus finance and economics are playing their part in the game of Power politics.

To distract British attention, and to cut the route for munitions to Chiang-Sai-Chek's forces, Japanese troops are occupying the Hinterland of Hong Kong. The London authorities can say nothing now; they are forced to note Japanese operations and to yield to Japanese demands as they have largely done in connection with Tien Tsin. But when the European situation is settled, they may be expected to act. To show Japan that we, too, are concerned over her activities in China, the State Department is urging a "moral embargo" upon the shipment of war material to her, and probably will favor legislation for a legal ban at the next session of Congress. The slapping of an American woman by a Japanese sentry at Tien Tsin has produced a bad impression in the United States. In spite of a Japanese apology, the State Department has demanded the punishment of the responsible sentry.

**Navy Construction Progresses**—A tabulation of progress on construction of naval vessels, prepared this week by the Navy Department, illustrates strikingly the speed with which the expansion of the fleet is being carried out. The keels of two battleships were laid last month—that of the *South Dakota* by New York Shipbuilding Corporation on 5 July, and that of the *Massachusetts* by Bethlehem Steel Company on 20 July. This brings to four the number of capital ships on the ways, the keels of the *North Carolina* and *Washington* having been laid last year and the year before.

Two other 35,000-ton battleships and two of 45,000-tons are also on order.

The status of the two aircraft carriers and the five light cruisers under construction remains unchanged from 1 June, though the *St. Louis* (CL49) has been removed from the construction list as delivered and commissioned. Off the list too is the submarine *Squalus*, the status of which was described on 1 June as "Trials not held pending salvage and refitting."

The submarine *Spearfish* was delivered and commissioned 17 July and the *Swordfish* on 22 July. The *Searaven* was launched at Portsmouth Navy Yard 21 June. On 19 July the keel of the *Tuna*, for which order was placed 1 Nov. 1938, was laid at Mare Island Navy Yard, and the keel of the *Triton*, ordered 1 Sept. 1938, was laid at Portsmouth Navy Yard 5 July.

Eight unnamed submarines (SS204 to SS211) had been authorized, but not yet named as of 1 June. The names Mackerel, Marlin, Gar, Grampus, Grayback, Grayling, Grenadier and Gudgeon were assigned to these vessels last month. Contract for the Mackerel, Grayback, Gar and Grampus was placed 15 June with Electric Boat Co., and the Marlin, Grayling, Grenadier and Gudgeon were ordered from navy yards at Portsmouth, N. H., and Mare Island effective 1 July.

Three destroyers, the *Wilson*, *Sims* and *Hammann*, were commissioned during July and August. The *Hughes* was launched 17 June at Bath Iron Works, while the *Roe* was launched 21 June at Charleston Navy Yard. Keels were laid 17 July for two new destroyers, the *Grayson* at Charleston Navy Yard and the *Moussem* at Puget Sound Navy Yard. Both vessels were ordered 1 Oct. 1938.

DD437 to DD444, previously unnamed, were given the respective names, Woolsey, Ludlow, Edison, Erlesson, Wilkes, Nicholson, Swanson and Ingraham. Contracts for the first four were awarded 15 June, and orders for construction of the last four were placed with navy yards effective 1 July.

Construction proceeded on the two destroyer tenders *Dixie* and *Prairie* at New York Shipbuilding Corporation, and on the mine sweepers *Raven* and *Osprey* at Norfolk Navy Yard. Keels of the mine sweepers were laid 28 June. Other keels laid

were those of the submarine tender *Fulton*, which was placed on the ways of Mare Island Navy Yard 19 July, and the seaplane tender *Albemarle* which was laid down 12 June.

One other seaplane tender, the *Curtiss*, and three fleet tugs, the *Navajo*, *Seminole* and *Cherokee*, are already on the ways. Preliminary work was continued on the small seaplane tenders, *Barnegat* and *Biscayne* for which orders were placed last September. The names *Casco* and *Mackinac* were given two others of this class and orders for their construction placed with Puget Sound Navy Yard effective 1 July. Work also is proceeding on the mine layer *Terror*.

Thirteen new vessels appear on this month's construction list which were not even mentioned on 1 June. They are the repair ship *Vulcan* for which contract has been awarded to New York Shipbuilding Corporation; four submarine chasers and eight motor torpedo boats—the latter two classes the first of the Navy's "mosquito" fleet. Contract has been awarded on all of these vessels, with the exception of one submarine chaser, the PC452. The keel of PC449 has already been laid at Luders Marine Construction Company.

**Spanish-American War Travel Pay**—Legislation providing for the payment of travel allowances to officers and men of various volunteer regiments which served in the Philippines during and immediately after the Spanish-American War failed of enactment at the 1st Session of the 76th Congress due to the objection of Senator William King, of Utah. The measure, which has been passed by both houses during several previous Congresses, and which has been vetoed twice by the President, would grant travel pay and allowances to volunteers who remained in the Philippine Islands to help put down the insurrectionists after the conclusion of the Spanish-American War. These volunteers remained in service after the expiration of their enlistments, without the formality of reenlisting due to the unusual circumstances, and thus legally lost the right to travel allowances to the point of their enlistment. However, the bill is still on the Calendar of the Senate and the measure may be passed at the next session.

**Navy Selection Boards**—Tentative dates already have been set for the meeting of the two highest ranking selection boards of the Navy this Winter. The senior board, which will select captains for promotion to rear admirals will meet 22 November. The next highest ranking board, the one which will select Lieutenant commanders and commanders for promotion to the next highest grade, will meet about 6 December. Composition of the boards will not be announced until close to the convening date in each case. Likewise no announcement has been made as to the numbers each board will be instructed to designate for promotion, such computations being subject to change before the actual meetings of the boards. Dates for the meeting of the boards which will select junior officers have not been determined, but it is understood that the Department will adhere to the policy established last season of splitting the task of junior selections between two boards.

**Air Corps**—Statistics compiled in the office of the Chief of the Air Corps show that this year's class at the United States Military Academy produced the greatest number of graduates asking for transfer to the Air Corps, 149 having requested air training. This figure represented about 33 percent of the class, which percentage was exceeded by the 1929 class when 110 of its 297 graduates (37 percent) chose the Air Corps.

Six of the 31 graduates who were commissioned in the Corps of Engineers sought flying training; 10 of the 30 originally commissioned in the Signal Corps; 25 of the 53 commissioned in the Cavalry; 23 of the 79 commissioned in the Field Artillery; 28 of the 82 commissioned in the Coast Artillery, and 57 of the 174 commissioned in the Infantry.

On the basis of past performances, however, it is likely that only 80 to 95 of the 149 West Pointers will last through the rigorous course to be finally graduated from the Advanced Flying School at Kelly Field, Tex. Last year's West Point class sent 113 of its graduates to the Air Corps, of which it is estimated 76 will be graduated from the Advanced Flying School in October. Should that many make the grade it will be the highest percentage since the class of 1928 when 53 of the 77 West Pointers at the Air Center were graduated.

**Bureau of Medicine and Surgery**—The Navy Medical Corps is anxiously anticipating favorable Congressional action on the bill, passed by the Senate and awaiting action by the House Naval Affairs Committee, which would increase the authorized number of acting assistant surgeons from 25 to 100. Bureau officials said this week that the bill, if enacted, will give much greater flexibility to the Medical Corps in the selection of its doctors and will also give greater cohesion and earlier indoctrination. At the present time, the Navy obtains its doctors from two sources. The primary source is through competitive examinations taken by graduates of reputable medical schools who have finished their internship. The other inlet is from the acting assistant surgeon group, at present limited by law to 25 per year. This group is composed of graduates of reputable medical schools who immediately after graduation begin their internship under an 18-month appointment at Naval Hospitals. The Navy would like to increase this group to a maximum of 100 in order to permit greater selection in respect to the doctors who will be given regular commissions and also in order to achieve a greater inflow into the Navy Medical Corps of doctors who served their internship at Naval Hospitals. Officials feel that much is lost by having the greater percentage of their doctors intern at civil hospitals. It was stated that approximately 60 of the doctors to be commissioned in the Navy during the present fiscal year will come from civil hospitals. It can be readily seen that if the acting assistant surgeon group is augmented, the percentage of doctors taken into the corps after having interned at civil hospitals will be greatly reduced. Officials declared that it is not contemplated to use the full 100 authorization, if granted, unless there is a national emergency. It was stated that in all probability, less than 60 acting assistant surgeons will be appointed during the first year of operation.

**Coast Artillery Corps**—Plans have been completed for the annual national convention of the United States Coast Artillery Association to be held in New York on the 13th, 14th and 15th of October. The convention opens Friday, 13 Oct., with a reception at the 9th Coast Defense Armory, now the home of the 244th Coast Artillery (AA), New York National Guard. Saturday morning there will be a business meeting at Ft. Totten. Following this meeting there will be a reception for Maj. Gen.

Archibald H. Sunderland, chief of Coast Artillery, and a luncheon served by the Officers' Club of the post under the auspices of the 62nd Coast Artillery (AA). During the afternoon there will be a display of antiaircraft artillery on the parade ground and a tour of the old, historic Ft. Totten fortifications. A dinner-dance will be held in New York city that evening. Sunday has been set aside as "Coast Artillery" day at the World's Fair grounds. An evening parade of the troops of the Army, Navy, and Marine Corps, will be held in honor of the Association.

The new executive committee of the New York Chapter of the Association, which is making plans for the convention, is composed of Capt. Leo Schisgall, NYNG, chairman; Capt. James J. Griffin, NYNG, secretary; Capt. Frank Coleman, NYNG, Capt. Weber de Vore, USA, Capt. Edward Lauder, NYNG, Capt. John Paulding, NYNG, 1st Lt. Truman Forbes, USA, 1st Lt. E. D. Herr, NYNG, 1st Lt. Leonard Allen, ORC, 1st Lt. M. Geminiani, NYNG, 1st Lt. Joseph Tierney, USA, 1st Lt. P. V. Doyle, USA, 2nd Lt. H. J. Willis, CA-Res., and 2nd Lt. Mercandino, NYNG.

**Navy Changes**—Orders were issued this week, detailing Rear. Adm. Christian J. Peoples, (SC), USN, to a post in which he previously served for nine years—that of general inspector of the Supply Corps on the Pacific Coast. Admiral Peoples was detached 15 Aug. from the office of the Secretary of the Navy where he has been stationed since he relinquished his post as Director of Procurement, Treasury Department, a short time ago.

Admiral Peoples served from 1914 to 1921 as assistant chief of the Bureau of Supplies and Accounts, and from 1921 to 1930 as general inspector, Supply Corps, Pacific Coast. In April 1933 he was appointed chief of the Bureau of Supplies and Accounts and Paymaster General, after having declined an offer of that post in 1920 on the grounds that, as he was already a permanent senior rear admiral, his appointment would block the promotion of some other officer.

Later in 1933 Admiral Peoples was appointed Director of the Procurement Division, Treasury Department, the government's big purchasing and construction agency, and in 1935 resigned as chief of the Navy bureau.

Orders were also issued this week detailing Comdr. Charles B. Momsen, now assisting in salvage operations on the Squalus, as commanding officer of the USS Sirius, cargo vessel, in September. Commander Momsen, who was promoted to that rank less than a month ago, is now officer in charge of the experimental diving unit, Washington Navy Yard. He is one of the Navy's outstanding submarine men—a qualified deep sea diver and submarine commander. He received a distinguished Service Medal for his work in developing the "Momsen Lung," a device by which personnel entrapped in submarines can ascend individually to the surface.

**Mileage of Army Officers**—The Comptroller General ruled this week that "Where an Army officer traveled under orders directing him and several enlisted men to proceed via Government motor convoy and upon arrival at destination to deliver the convoy to the commanding general for use in connection with the Reserve Officers' Training Corps Camp at that station, the officer is not entitled to mileage under section 12, act of 10 June 1922, 42 Stat. 631, providing that officers shall be paid mileage 'when traveling under competent orders without troops,' the travel clearly having been in connection with a movement overland of a detachment by transportation belonging to the United States and within the provisions of Army Regulations defining travel with troops."

**Marine Corps Changes**—Brig. Gen. Douglas C. McDougal, who on 29 July was ordered to duty as commanding general of the Department of the Pacific, with headquarters at San Francisco, will instead report to Washington for duty in Marine Corps headquarters here. General McDougal was detached from his present command at the Marine Base, Parris Island, S. C., on 13 Aug.

Col. Calvin B. Matthews was promoted to rank of brigadier general on 8 Aug., with rank from 1 July. General Matthews' promotion is subject to confirmation of the Senate.

**Army Chaplains**—Chaplain Mariano Vassallo, USA, has recently been honored by being elevated to the rank of Monsignor, having been designated Protonotary Apostolic early in June. Chaplain Vassallo is stationed at the Post of San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Under the provisions of recent reorganization plans many Reserve chaplains on active duty with the Civilian Conservation Corps have already received appointments to continue their religious ministrations in the camps in the status of civilian clergymen, with the designation "CCC Chaplains." As a result of this change, numerous inquiries have been received in the office of the Chief of Chaplains as to whether the monthly report (W.D., Ch. Form No. 5) should continue to be submitted to this office and, also, questions of a varied nature are being asked concerning other duties and relationships of CCC chaplains. Pending the issuance of revised CCC Regulations, chaplains are given the advance information that they will continue to function under their new status in all respects as when serving in the capacity of Reserve officers. This, of course, includes the submission of monthly reports, through military channels as heretofore, and the continued supervision of their activities by the Chief of Chaplains. Their attention is invited in particular to the necessity of advising this office promptly of changes of status—including relief from duty as a Reserve officer and appointment as a CCC chaplain or their return to civilian pastorates or private life, together with a copy of pertinent orders. Any change of address involved should also be reported at once. This is a period of transition in which the changes from "Reserve" to a "civilian" status will be made gradually. In order that our records and mailing lists may be kept accurately and up to date, all chaplains now on duty are requested to give this paragraph special attention.

**Bureau of Yards and Docks**—Contracts totalling \$14,607,500, for the improvement of naval bases in outlying possessions were let by the Bureau of Yards and Docks this week to a Honolulu dredging company, a New York concrete pile company and a New York construction company.

Award was made on a cost plus fixed fee basis, and was broken down as follows: Kaneohe Bay, T. H., \$5,714,500; Pearl Harbor, T. H., \$2,633,000; Midway Island, \$3,720,000; Johnston Island, \$1,030,000, and Palmyra Island, \$1,510,000.

A contract was also let in the amount of \$88,750 for terrazzo, marble and tile floors and wainscots in the hospital and west cadet quarters at Pensacola Naval Air Station.

**Assignment of General Officers**—War Department orders made public today announce the assignment of Brig. Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell, now en route from the Far East to the United States, to command of the Third Infantry Brigade, comprising the 9th and 23rd Infantry Regiments, at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. General Stilwell was Military Attaché at the United States Embassy, Peiping, China, from the summer of 1932 until May, 1939.

**Aviation Board Recesses**—With Rear Adm. Frederick J. Horne, its senior member, now on leave, the Navy board which is making a special study of personnel problems of regular and reserve aviation personnel has suspended meetings until 1 Sept. Last meeting of the board was held the first week in August.

When the board reconvenes it is expected to have available for study answers to questionnaires sent to all Navy force commanders before the board recessed. Officials of the board now in Washington would not divulge the nature of the questions asked the various commanders, but voted that they would assist the board in fulfilling its mission of investigating the personnel situation and of recommending any changes in legislation it might find necessary.

**Autogiro Tests**—The Coast Artillery Board at Ft. Monroe, Va., has completed its tests of the autogiro. The Board recommended continuation of development of the autogiro, particularly with a view to increasing its weight carrying capacity. The Board recommended also that a fixed wing type observation airplane with slow minimum speed and take off run characteristics be developed, in order to enable comparative test of the two types. The greater part of the missions by the autogiro were devoted to aerial position findings. The hovering figure was found of limited usefulness in aerial position finding because of the relatively high wind required (30 miles per hour) and the difficulty of maintaining position with sufficient accuracy. The feature regarded as of the greatest potential value to the Coast Artillery Corps is the ability of the machine to operate from comparatively small ground areas.

**An Army Museum**—A suggestion that the War Department establish a military museum in the new building soon to be erected for the Department is made by "Historicus" the current issue of the Infantry Journal. "Such a display," it is stated, "should contain complete presentations of all the army's current activities, military and civil. Dioramas showing the weapons of the various arms, such as are now shown at the Fairs in San Francisco and New York, would graphically demonstrate the Army's modern equipment."

## Express Your Views on Army Promotion!

In compliance with the following communication from the minority committee of the House Military Affairs Committee, the ARMY AND NAVY JOURNAL is conducting a supplementary survey of service opinion concerning points which have arisen since the original survey was inaugurated.

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The special minority committee of the Committee on Military Affairs is preparing a study of the revitalization measure, preparatory to further consideration of that measure by the Committee on Military Affairs early in the 1940 session of the Seventy-sixth Congress. Quite naturally, we are very desirous of obtaining all available information regarding the views of the officers now on the promotion list of the Regular Army.

For purpose of this study, we have decided upon a few specific questions that should be asked of each individual officer, as follows:

1. Which plan of vitalization do you prefer:
  - a. The original Woodring plan (age-in-grade retirement), H. R. 6632.
  - b. The minority plan (surplus-in-grade, limited service plan), H. R. 7374.
2. If the surplus-in-grade, limited service plan is adopted, do you favor retirement of starred officers prior to age 64?
3. If you prefer a plan for retirement of starred officers prior to age 64, at what age?
4. Please note any suggestions you may wish to make with reference to the vitalization of the Army.

We are very desirous of securing this information from every available source, and we wish to extend this study as extensively as possible. We will welcome all available information you may have or may be in position to secure for this purpose.

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Harold Walter Ohike, Barksdale Fld., La.

Charles Thaddeus Olmsted, Barksdale Fld., La.

Brian O'Neill, Mitchel Fld., N. Y.

Glendon Philip Overing, Barksdale Fld., La.

Elliott T. Pardee, Hamilton Fld., Calif.

John Allison Pechulis, Moffett Fld., Calif.

Clair Arthur Peterson, Langley Fld., Va.

Marion Newton Pharr, Hamilton Fld., Calif.

**Army Orders**

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**Orders to Enlisted Men**

M. Sgt. Clifford A. Besecker, 17th Sig. Serv. Co., Wash., D. C., to master sgt., SC, Hawaiian Dept., sail 7 Nov.

S. Sgt. Thomas Paolozzi, 17th Sig. Serv. Co., Wash., D. C., to SC, Panama Canal Dept., sail N. Y., 7 Nov.

**Retirement of Enlisted Men**

Following retired 31 Aug. 1939, to home:

M. Sgt. James E. Hanlon, OR, Ft. Jay, N. Y.

M. Sgt. Frank Williams, OR, Federal Bldg., Peoria, Ill.

M. Sgt. Fred L. Harr, Batt. E, 3rd CA, at Ft. Stevens, Ore.

Sgt. Leon Cantong, Co. A, 57th Inf., (PS), at Ft. William McKinley, P. I.

1st Sgt. Morris Sheeklister, Co. A, 66th Inf., at Ft. George G. Meade, Md.

1st Sgt. Jervie G. Ryan, Batt. D, 3rd CA, at Ft. Rosecrans, Calif.

S. Sgt. Joseph H. Walker, QMC, at Ft. Mills, P. I.

Sgt. James E. Mitchell, (Recruiting Service), at Overseas Discharge and Replacement Depot, 58th St. and 1st Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y. (with rank of 1st Sgt.).

Sgt. Nicolas Jacob, Co. A, 57th Inf., (PS), at Ft. William McKinley, P. I.

M. Sgt. Frederick W. Kenstler, (U. S. Disciplinary Bks. Guard Co.), at Atlantic Branch, USDB, Governors Island, N. Y.

M. Sgt. Charles E. Knapp, Serv. Co., 16th Inf., at Ft. Jay, N. Y.

M. Sgt. Joseph J. Espinola, Hdq. and Serv. Troop, 14th Cav., at Ft. Des Moines, Ia.

M. Sgt. Hurschell B. R. Adams, AC, at Hamilton Fld., Calif.

M. Sgt. William J. Ryan, 12th Air Base Squad., AC, at Kelly Fld., Tex.

M. Sgt. Vernon L. Anderson, Engr. School Det., at Ft. Belvoir, Va.

1st Sgt. Lewis Carlsle, Batt. E, 52nd CA, at Ft. Hancock, N. J.

M. Sgt. Samuel T. Ellis, Hdq. Batt., 6th CA, at Ft. Baker, Calif.

M. Sgt. Jack Greenwell, QMC, at Letterman General Hospital, Pres. of San Francisco, Calif.

Sgt. Alonzo E. Williamson, Co. E, 29th Inf., at Ft. Benning, Ga.

M. Sgt. Alfred L. Wray, QMC, at QMC School, Phila., Pa.

**ORDERS TO RESERVES****Extended Active Duty With MD**

Capt. Jasper Daniel West, 5 Sept., to Kelly Fld., Tex., until 30 June 1940.

1st Lt. Ephraim Bernard Cohen, 15 Aug., to Lowry Fld., Denver, Colo., until 30 June 1940.

Capt. M. Martyn Kafka, 20 Aug., to Patter- son Fld., Fairfield, Ohio, until 30 June 1940.

Capt. Jacob Bell Till, Jr., 13 Sept., to Barksdale Fld., Shreveport, La., until 30 June 1940.

Capt. Robert Roscoe Haley, Jr., from Ft. Sam Houston, Tex., 20 Aug., to home.

Capt. Robert Lindsay Gilliam, II, 5 Sept., to Ft. McPherson, Ga., until 30 June 1940.

1st Lt. Edward Theodore Spunt, 20 Aug., to Langley Fld., Va., until 30 June 1940.

1st Lt. Frank Anthony Zack, 21 Aug. 1939, to Bolling Fld., D. C., until 30 June 1940.

Capt. Vincent Lentini, 22 Aug., to Chanute Fld., Ill., until 30 June 1940.

Capt. Cecil George Stillinger, 1 Sept., to Ft. Benning, Ga., until 30 June 1940.

Capt. M. Martyn Kafka, prior orders, to Patterson Fld., Ohio, until 30 June 1940, revoked.

**Extended Active Duty With VC**

1st Lt. Robert Henry Yager, 22 Aug., to Mitchel Fld., Long Island, N. Y., until 30 June 1940.

1st Lt. Alpheus Heise Seeley, 22 Aug., to Randolph Fld., Tex., until 30 June 1940.

**Extended Active Duty With OD**

1st Lt. Dudley Maurice Lontz, 17 Aug., to Watertown Arsenal, Watertown, Mass., until 30 June 1940.

1st Lt. Charles Bernhard Roede, 21 Aug., to Watervliet Arsenal, Watervliet, N. Y., until 30 June 1940.

**Two Weeks Active Duty Training**

Capt. Joseph John Ferri, Spec.-Res., prior orders, to Watervliet Arsenal, N. Y., 13 Aug., revoked.

1st Lt. Norman George Schreiner, Ord.-Res., prior orders, to Watervliet Arsenal, N. Y., 13 Aug., revoked.

1st Lt. Richard Imay Wilson, Ord.-Res., prior orders, to Watervliet Arsenal, N. Y., 13 Aug., revoked.

2nd Lt. Clarence Peter Wiltjer, Air-Res., from Scott Fld., Belleville, Ill., to home, 1 Sept.

Capt. John de Jong, Sig.-Res., prior orders, to Seattle, Wash., 13 Aug., revoked.

2nd Lt. Carl Erwin Drewes, Ord.-Res., 20 Aug., to Pittsburgh Ord. Dist., Pa.

1st Lt. Hamnet Pitzer Munger, Ord.-Res., 20 Aug., to Pittsburgh Ord. Dist., Pa.

1st Lt. Raymond Underwood, Air-Res., 21 Aug., to office of Chief of AC.

Capt. Paul Jesse Snider, Sig.-Res., 20 Aug., to Langley Fld., Va.

Capt. Lloyd DePinna LeMan, Sig.-Res., 17 Aug., to Camp Perry, Ohio.

2nd Lt. Rodney Mason Gage, Ord.-Res., 10 Sept., to Hartford Ord. Dist., Springfield, Mass.

1st Lt. Lilburn Garland Payne, Sig.-Res., 10 Sept., to Chicago SC Procurement Dist., Ill.

Capt. Richard Morton Cone, Chem.-Res., 17 Sept., to Edgewood Arsenal, Md.

Capt. Fred Lester Williams, Chem.-Res., 20 Aug., to Edgewood Arsenal, Md.

Capt. Clyde Miller Griffin, Sig.-Res., 20 Aug., to Ft. Monmouth, N. J.

Capt. Elmer Cyril Woods, CA-Res., 13 Sept., to office of C. of CA, Wash., D. C.

Maj. Kenneth Ramsey Benson, Air-Res., 10 Sept., to Middletown Air Depot, Pa.

Maj. Emory John Close, Engr.-Res., 10 Sept., to Wright Fld., Ohio.

Maj. Lloyd Lyle Bradford, Spec.-Res., 20 Aug., to Langley Fld., Va.

2nd Lt. Walter Henry Wright, Ord.-Res., prior orders, 6 Aug., to Rochester Dist. Ord. office, revoked.

Capt. Paul Jesse Snider, Sig.-Res., prior orders, to Langley Fld., Va., 20 Aug., revoked.

Lt. Col. Howard Elias Snyder, Ch.-Res., 16 Sept., to Army Medical Center, Wash., D. C.

1st Lt. Roger Harding Hammond, Sig.-Res., 1 Oct., to New York General Depot, Brooklyn, N. Y.

**Navy Orders**

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Lt. (jg) David R. Dodge, Jr., (MC), det. USS Cuyama in Sept.; to Naval Air Sta., Pensacola, Fla.

Following ensigns to instruction Navy Finance and Supply School, Philadelphia, Pa.:

Charles M. Christensen (SC).

Ralph W. Clark (SC).

William A. Cochran (SC).

Allan J. Fisher (SC).

Robert S. Hill (SC).

James L. Lambrecht (SC).

Charles L. Loring (SC).

Crandall T. Neffzer (SC).

Franklin W. Ott (SC).

Eben M. Standish (SC).

Kenneth R. Wheeler (SC).

Ch. Mach. Virgil A. Cowart, ors. CinC, Asiatic Fleet; modified; to USS Mississippi.

Ch. Rad. Elec. Peter A. E. Greenwell, det. Nav. Trng. Sta., San Diego, Calif., abt. 30 Sept.; to USS Oklahoma.

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Ens. Edward S. Arentzen, ors. 1 Aug., to Asiatic Fleet revoked. Continue USS New York.

Lt. Comdr. Harold A. Noreen, (MC), det. Naval Dispensary, Navy Dept., in Sept.; to Navy Retg. Sta., Detroit, Mich.

Lt. Ralph M. McComas, (MC), det. Rec. Ship, New York, N. Y., in Oct.; to Nav. Prov. Ground, Dahlgren, Va.

Lt. (jg) Elmer S. Boden, (DC), det. USS Milwaukee in Nov.; to Nav. Trng. Sta., Great Lakes III.

Capt. Charles C. Copp, (SC), det. NYd., Wash., D. C., 31 Aug.; to Asiatic Fleet.

Comdr. John N. Harriman, (SC), det. Nav. Air Sta., Norfolk, Va., in Aug.; to NYd., Wash., D. C.

Lt. (jg) J. Harry Hayes, (SC), upon disch. trtmnt. Nav. Hosp., Phila., Pa., to NYd., Pearl Harbor, T. H.

Ens. Edward T. Dobbins, Jr., (SC), to instn. Nav. F. & S. Sch., Phila., Pa.

Ens. William B. Durant, Jr., (SC), to instn. Nav. F. & S. Sch., Phila., Pa.

Lt. Comdr. Charles T. Dickerman, (CEC), det. Marine Bks., Quantico, Va., 18 Sept.; to NYd., Pearl Harbor, T. H.

Lt. (jg) W. J. Lawrence, det. Naval Air Station, Pensacola, Florida, effective when released by Commandant thereof, and assigned line duty Triton.

Ens. S. G. Guill, det. Shoshone and from temporary duty Northland, effective upon arrival of latter vessel at Boston, Massachusetts, and assigned line duty Calypso.

Chief Machinist J. R. Orndorff, Jr., det. Air Station, Salem, Mass., effective about 1 Oct. 1939, and assigned Air Station, Charleston, South Carolina.

Boatswain (T) A. J. Swain, New Orleans District, appointment as Boatswain (T) revoked; authorized to reenlist in rating of chief boatswain's mate.

Boatswain (T) M. J. Seibert, det. Maritime Service Training Station, Government Island, Alameda, California, effective about 15 Sept. 1939, and assigned Maritime Service Training Station, Hoffman Island, New York.

Machinist E. M. English, det. Air Station, Charleston, South Carolina, effective about 1 Oct. 1939, and assigned Air Station, Charleston, South Carolina.

F. & S. Sch., Phila., Pa.

Harold H. Hunt (SC), to instn. Nav.

F. & S. Sch., Phila., Pa.

Edward R. Joshua, Jr., (SC), to Instn. Nav.

F. & S. Sch., Phila., Pa.

Daniel F. Logan (SC), to instn. Nav.

F. & S. Sch., Phila., Pa.

Frank J. Roberts (SC), to instn. Nav.

F. & S. Sch., Phila., Pa.

William G. Tonner, Jr., (SC), to Instn. Nav.

F. & S. Sch., Phila., Pa.

James G. Walsh (SC), to instn. Nav.

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Robert L. Watson (SC), to instn. Nav.

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Clifford W. Wilson (SC), to instn. Nav.

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Edwin W. Winnett (SC), to instn. Nav.

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Act. Pay Clk. Lee R. Quinn, to Nav. Air Sta., San Diego, Calif.

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Comdr. Roscoe F. Good, det. staff, Comdr. Cruisers, Battle Force, as damage control off.; to staff, operations off., Comdr. Cruisers, Battle Force.

Lt. Gilbert C. Carpenter, det. USS Enterprise in Aug.; to Torp. Sqdn. 6 (USS Enterprise).

Lt. Cecil L. Andrews (MC), det. Dest. Div. One abt. 26 Aug.; to Instn. Mayo Foundation, Rochester, Minn.

Lt. LeRoy J. Barnes (MC), det. USS California; to Dest. Div. 7.

Lt. Herbert G. Shepler (MC), det. Dest. Div. 7; to Instn. May Foundation, Rochester, Minn.

Lt. (jg) Ronald B. Fenckner (MC), det. USS Tennessee in Aug.; to USS Cuyama.

Lt. (jg) Clark P. Jeffers (MC), det. USS New Mexico abt. 25 Aug.; to Dest. Div. 1.

Lt. (jg) Everett P. Kirch (MC), det. Nav. Hosp., San Diego, Calif., abt. 14 Aug.; to USS New Mexico.

Comdr. Robert O'Hagan (SC), det. Rec. Ship, New York, N. Y.; to 9th Nav. Dist.; addl. duty Nav. Trng. Sta., Great Lakes, Ill.

Lt. Comdr. Charles S. Bailey (SC), det. Commissary Officer, Subm. Base, Pearl Harbor, T. H. 30 Sept.; to supply & acctg. off., Subm. Base, Pearl Harbor, T. H.

Lt. Comdr. William O. Hiltabidle, Jr. (CEC), det. Nav. Oper. Base, San Diego, Calif. In Aug.; to Marine Bks., Quantico, Va.

Ch. Pharm. Edward F. Aren, det. Nav. Hosp., Mare Is., Calif., abt. 15 Sept.; to 12th Nav. Dist.

Ch. Pharm. Elliot R. Baker, det. Hdqrs. 12th Nav. Dist.; to Nav. Hosp., Mare Is., Calif.

Act. Pay Clk. Robert A. Hendry, det. USS Seattle in Sept.; to cfo USS Helena & on bd. when comm.

**Asiatic Orders**

Lt. Comdr. Samuel G. Fugua, det. CO, USS Bittern abt. 11 Aug.; to Nav. Trng. Sta., Great Lakes, Ill.

**Coast Guard Orders**

Comdr. F. A. Nichols, New York Store, promoted to Captain, with rank from 1 July 1939.

Lt. Comdr. R. S. Patch, San Francisco District, promoted to Commander, with rank from 1 July 1939.

Lt. A. G. Morrell, Maritime Service Training Station, Hoffman Island, New York, orders of 12 June 1939, cancelled.

Lt. Comdr. C. J. Sullivan, det. office of Elizabeth City, North Carolina, effective when directed by Commander, Norfolk District, and assigned Norfolk District office.

Lt. Comdr. O. A. Littlefield, det. office at Wakefield, Rhode Island, and assigned Boston District office.

Lt. (jg) W. J. Lawrence, det. Naval Air Station, Pensacola, Florida, effective when released by Commandant thereof, and assigned line duty Triton.

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**S**EPTEMBER 9 is the tentative date chosen for the first dance to take place in the new empire ballroom at the Army-Navy Country Club across the Potomac from Washington—not far from Ft. Myer. A long list of reservations is now being made, with the president of this gay, little club, Brig. Gen. Frank C. Burnett and Mrs. Burnett heading the group.

Last Sunday the sixth annual swimming meet was held, followed by a buffet supper later in the club house.

Perhaps, however, the most interesting social affair held there recently was the gala luncheon of the Naval Academy class of 1926, or at least about fifty members of them, who at the time of their graduation scattered with their fellows to the far ends of the globe, the aforesaid fifty finding themselves now on duty in Washington and staging this get-together meeting.

Among them were the class president, Lt. J. L. Burnside, class historian Lt. W. F. Kline, and Lts. W. R. Smedberg, L. M. Leharry, P. O. Stoop and K. F. Poehlman who form the group arranging these meetings. Others at the luncheon were: Lt. P. D. Stoop, Lt. M. D. Serymgeor, Lt. M. K. Fleming, Lt. J. S. McClure, Lt. J. L. Phares, Lt. L. H. Frost, Lt. L. M. Leharry, Lt. J. W. Callahan, Lt. J. A. Winfrey, Lt. S. A. Carlson, Lt. J. B. McLean, Lt. F. D. McCorkle, Lt. J. K. Wells, Lt. A. M. Kemper, Lt. H. P. Webster, Lt. J. O'Shea, Jr., Lt. W. L. Pryor, Lt. E. W. Snedeker, Lt. S. M. Tucker, Lt. E. W. Grenfell, Lt. E. H. Still, Lt. M. W. Clay, Lt. H. C. Bruton, Lt. P. S. Morgan, Jr., Lt. W. Whipple, Lt. M. C. Barker, Lt. T. B. Corbin, Lt. F. L. Black, Lt. J. A. Morrison, Lt. P. H. Tobelman, Lt. S. L. Smith, Lt. G. Cox and Lts. A. G. Mumma, A. S. McDill.

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Capt. Winfield W. Scott, USA, and Mrs. Scott were the guests for whom her mother, Mrs. Harry Kimmel, widow of Admiral Kimmel entertained at dinner Tuesday evening at 3100 Q Street, where she is staying in Washington. Captain and Mrs. Scott are leaving shortly for the Philippines, he having been transferred from Fort Bragg.

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Brig. Gen. Calvin B. Matthews, and Mrs. Matthews will again have with them this coming season in Washington, D. C., their niece, Miss Beverly Easley, who last year spent the winter with them while studying at Gunston Hall School. This season they will introduce her to the social world of the Capital. At present she is visiting at White Sulphur Springs and will go on to Burlingame, Calif., to spend some time with her aunt and cousin, Mrs. Philip Patchin and Miss Mary Patchin, formerly of Washington.

Her mother, Mrs. Gilmer Eastley of Lewisburg, W. Va., was Miss Josephine Mason, who like her sister, Polly Mason, now Mrs. Patchin, was a belle in her Washington girlhood—daughters, of Mr. and Mrs. Beverley Mason.

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## SERVICE SOCIAL NEWS

Capt. William K. Harrills, USN, until recently Naval Attaché at the Court of St. James, has with Mrs. Harrill arrived at Coronado, he having been assigned to the USS Wright, for duty. The Executive officer of the ship, Comdr. Gordon Rowe and Mrs. Rowe entertained at a dinner for them on their arrival at Coronado, in the company being Comdr. and Mrs. C. G. Perrell, Lt. Comdr. and Mrs. A. O. Rule, Lt. Comdr. and Mrs. J. F. Wegforth, Lt. Comdr. and Mrs. D. F. Zimmerman, Lt. Comdr. and Mrs. T. C. Miller, Lt. and Mrs. S. W. Canan, Lt. and Mrs. E. B. Guernsey, Lt. and Mrs. J. M. Hanner, Lt. and Mrs. J. H. Connally, Lts. T. N. Thweatt, J. P. Tomelty and John W. Dillinder.

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Word of the social activities of Maj. Gen. and Mrs. Louis McC. Little continue to trickle back from Coronado to Washington, their former home, where they possess one of the quaintest and most attractive of old Georgetown homes. Just now Mrs. Little has with her at Coronado, her sister-in-law, Mrs. Murray Cobb.

General and Mrs. Little frequently invite for tea after the weekly drill a group of reserve officers in training at the reservation there.

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Dr. and Mrs. Ralph Fielding of La Jolla have left California for Washington, D. C., he to report for duty there, and both are looking forward to their new station, as it will enable them to be in close touch with Lt. and Mrs. John Porter at Annapolis. She was Virginia Farquhar and her marriage to the young Naval Lieutenant was an important spring nuptial event of the Capital City. They first met in the home of Dr. and Mrs. Fielding. On the eve of the departure of Dr. and Mrs. Fielding for Washington, Comdr. and Mrs. H. B. Flite entertained at a farewell cocktail party for them.

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Lt. Comdr. R. E. Libby, USN, who was recently on duty on the West Coast, attached to the USS Northampton, and having been assigned to the Navy Yard in Washington, D. C., has with Mrs. Libby taken a house in the Service colony in Arlington, a Virginia suburb.

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Capt. William Dwight Chandler, USN, and Mrs. and Miss Dorothy Chandler have closed their Washington home and are summering in California. Capt. and Mrs. Chandler will in December present to society their daughter prior to the time when Captain Chandler assumes his new duty at Fort Humphreys.

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Lt. Col. Charles C. Hillman, USA, who has been on duty at Letterman General Hospital for the last four years, has arrived with Mrs. Hillman in Washington he having been assigned to the Surgeon General's office there. They are accompanied by their daughters, Mrs. Loyd H. Gomes, and Mary Louise Hillman, who will spend about a month with them, before Mrs. Gomes joins her husband, Lieutenant Gomes on the West Coast, and Miss Hillman resumes her studies at Mills College, Oakland.

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From the Hawaiian Islands comes Lt. Col. Madison Pearson, USA, for duty in Washington, D. C., and he and Mrs. Pearson have joined the Service folk in the Capital.

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Mrs. Samuel Turner Mackall and her mother, Mrs. Pierce M. B. Travis, have closed their apartment at "The Biltmore," 1940 Biltmore St., this city and will be the guests until the end of September of Capt. M. K. Deichmann, CAC, and Mrs. Deichmann at Fort Sheridan, Ill. Mrs. Deichmann is the daughter of Mrs. Mackall and the late Col. Samuel Turner Mackall.

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Col. Frederic W. Boye, USA, and Col. Berkeley T. Merchant, USA-Ret., have been chosen as judges for the military classes at the annual Piping Rock Horse Show to be held at Locust Valley, L. I., from September 27-30.



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**MRS. JOHN MARTIN CAPRON**  
who before her recent marriage was  
Miss Margaret Schenck Birnie,  
daughter of Maj. Gen. and Mrs. Up-ton  
Birnie, Jr., USA-Ret.

Col. Stephen C. Reynolds of Warrenton with Mr. Sterling Larrabee, M. F. H. of the Warrenton Hunt and Mr. North Fletcher will be judges in the hunter classes.

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Rear Adm. Henry Varnum Butler, USN-Ret., for some years Commandant of the Washington Navy Yard and later at the Charleston Yard, has with Mrs. Butler, gone to Belle Meade, Va., their historic old place near Front Royal they purchased and restored a year ago. In the meantime, they have leased to Mrs. Mason Gulick their former Washington home at 2206 Q Street, N. W.

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Coming from duty in China, Capt. C. C. Coffman, USMC, has arrived at Quantico with Mrs. Coffman and their two children. They are making their home at the Moncure home until quarters are assigned them. He is now attached to the Junior course of the Marine Corps School  
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### Weddings and Engagements

**T**HE engagement is announced of Miss Virginia Speck Millard to Ens. Richard E. Ball, USN. Miss Millard's home is in El Paso, Texas; Ensign Ball is stationed at Cambridge, Mass., studying Naval Construction at Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Miss Millard is the daughter of Mrs. W. J. Millard and the late Roy Henry Speck, Lieutenant of Cavalry, USA. Her stepfather is William J. Millard, Major of Engineers, USAR.

Ensign Ball is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard H. Ball of Westwood, California, and graduated from the USNA with the class of 1937.

The wedding will take place at the Church of St. Clements, El Paso, Texas, on 10 Sept.

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The engagement of Miss Nancy Gordon Wright, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Wright to Lt. Robert D. Heinl, Jr., USMC, was announced by her parents this week.

Miss Wright has spent most of her life abroad, and has attended the Cours de Parc Monceau in Paris; the College Marie Jose in Antwerp and graduated from St. Margaret's College in London.

Lieut. Heinl, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Heinl of Washington, D. C., was graduated from St. Albans School and was an honor graduate at Yale University. He was recently detached from the USS Tuscaloosa following a good-will tour

around South America. He is now stationed at Quantico.

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Major R. C. L. Graham, QMC, of Fort Sam Houston, Texas, have announced the betrothal of their daughter, Priscilla Mae, to 2nd Lt. Felix M. Hardison, USA. The wedding will take place 23 Aug., at the chapel in Fort Sam Houston, with a reception at the home of the bride.

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Another August bride will be Zela Louise Davies, daughter of Major and Mrs. Isaiah Davies, who will be married to 2nd Lieut. Robert Carlton McBride at Randolph Field. Miss Davies studied at Our Lady of the Lake College in San Antonio. Lt. McBride, class of 1938 of the Military Academy, is now stationed as officer student in the advanced flying school at Kelly Field.

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Lt. Col. Leonard T. Gerow and Miss Mary Louise Kennedy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas James Kennedy of St. Paul, Minn., were recently married at Fort Sam Houston, where the bride was staying with her sister, Mrs. Harrison C. Browne, wife of Col. Browne, USA.

In the chapel there, the chaplain, William J. Walsh united them in marriage, the bride being attended by her sister, Mrs. Browne with Lieut. Col. George S. Beach acting as best man.

Col. and Mrs. Gerow are now living at the St. Anthony Hotel in San Antonio.

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Lieut. Charles Edward White, son of Mrs. White and the late Wells Woodward White of North Bennington, Vt., will marry Miss Mary Elizabeth Durnford, daughter of Capt. James A. Durnford, USA, and Mrs. Durnford early in September.

Lieut. White has just graduated from West Point, class of '39 and was captain of K Company there. The marriage will take place in the chapel at the Point.

The bride-to-be is of the class of 1940 at Stanford University.

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Col. Henry Clay Coburn, Jr., MC, USA, and Mrs. Coburn announce the engagement of their daughter Elizabeth Louise to Mr. Neil Daniel Cole, son of Mrs. Catherine P. Cole of Springfield, Mass.

Miss Coburn received her B.A. at the University of Texas in 1935 and the following year completed a course in Library Science at Columbia University. For the past two years she has been a member of the staff of the District of Columbia Public Library.

Mr. Cole is a graduate of Carnegie Institute of Technology. He is on duty as radio aeronautical engineer at the Naval Air Station, Anacostia, D. C.

The wedding will take place in the fall.

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A wedding of interest to the Service friends of the bride took place at the St. Peter's Episcopal Church in St. Petersburg, Fla., recently, when Enid Frances Edgerly and Mr. James William Johnstone were married by the Reverend E. A. Edwards. The wedding was attended only by the immediate families of the bridal couple. Mrs. Johnstone is the daughter of Major and Mrs. John P. Edgerly, who have made their home in St. Petersburg since retirement. She attended the St. Petersburg Junior College and the College of William and Mary. Mr. Johnstone is a native of St. Petersburg, where he attended the local Junior College and later the University of Florida. He is vice-president of the St. Petersburg Aero Club. Immediately after the wedding the young couple took an extended trip by automobile, going to New York, Montreal and various places in the middle west. They are now at home at the Hegrado Apartments, 210 22d Avenue N. E., St. Petersburg, Florida.

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Brig. Gen. and Mrs. Joseph M. Cummins announce the engagement of their daughter Eileen to Lieutenant R. J. B. Page, Jr., Corps of Engineers U. S. Army. Miss Cummins is a graduate of Maryville College of the Sacred Heart, St. Louis, Missouri. Lt. Page is the son of Mrs. R. J. B. Page and the late Judge Page of Norfolk, Virginia and graduated from West Point in the class of '36. The wedding is planned for the coming winter.

**Posts and Stations****WEST POINT, N. Y.**

18 August 1939

Lt. Col. and Mrs. Frank L. Whittaker, of Washington arrived on the post on Thursday to be the guests of Lt. Col. and Mrs. Fay B. Prickett for several days. Lt. Col. Whittaker will inspect the Modern Pentathlon Team, which is training at West Point. Miss Louise Stengel, of Washington is also a guest this week of Lt. Col. and Mrs. Prickett and their daughter Miss Peggy Prickett.

Lt. Col. and Mrs. Clarence H. Danielson are passing the remainder of the month at Fort Benning, Ga., as guests of their son, Lt. Ole W. Danielson.

Lt. Col. and Mrs. Oscar J. Gatchell and their daughters the Misses Victoria and Anne Gatchell motored to Cambridge, Mass., on Monday to pass the week as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Killiam.

Miss Page Schwarzwelder, daughter of Maj. and Mrs. Christian A. Schwarzwelder, departed this week with Miss Betty Anne Lyons who has been her guest for several weeks, to pass some time at Fort H. G. Wright, N. Y., as the guest of Miss Betty Anne Lyons and her parents Maj. and Mrs. Earl L. Lyons.

Maj. and Mrs. Clare H. Armstrong are visiting this week at Halestite, L. I., as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Converse.

Lt. Col. and Mrs. Gerald A. Counts and their daughter Miss Anne Counts are passing several days as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Walker G. White, of Douglaston, L. I. Early in the week Counts had as guests Mr. Lawrence M. Jones, Jr., son of the former army football coach, Maj. and Mrs. Lawrence M. Jones and Mrs. Jones, and Mr. James Baylor, both of Lincoln, Nebr.

Guests for several days of Lt. and Mrs. William W. Dick, Jr., were Capt. and Mrs. Francis R. Stevens, brother-in-law and sister of Lt. Dick. Capt. Stevens was formally stationed here in the Tactical department and is enroute from Fort Leavenworth, Kan. to Hawaii, T. H. Mrs. Dick is passing this week end in Washington as the guest of Lt. Dick's parents, Maj. and Mrs. W. W. Dick.

Miss Alicia Beukema, daughter of Lt. Col. Herman Beukema and Mrs. Beukema returned to West Point from Moosehead Lake, Maine, and will be the guest of her brother-in-law and sister, Lt. and Mrs. Charles F. Leonard.

Lt. Col. and Mrs. Brantley L. Newsom had as guests during the week Maj. and Mrs. H. W. Bobrink, who have been stationed in Washington and are enroute to their new station in Hawaii, T. H.

The guests of Capt. and Mrs. William H. Wood, for several days were Capt. and Mrs. Ira K. Evans, of Washington, also Miss Jeanne Schoenewolf, of Emporia, Va., who will pass this week at West Point.

Week-end guests of Lt. Col. and Mrs. Joseph M. Tully are their son Midshipman J. M. Tully, Jr., and Lt. and Mrs. L. E. Schlanser, of Fort Riley, Kan. Miss Ally Joe Kastor, of San Antonio, is also visiting Lt. Col. and Mrs. Tully and their daughter, Miss Frances Tully, for several weeks.

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**ANNAPOLIS, MD.**

15 August 1939

Rear Adm. and Mrs. Wilson Brown have returned after spending the early summer at Mrs. Brown's former home, Waterford, Conn.

Comdr. Charles L. Austin, (SC), who came to the Naval Academy a short time ago is the guest of Comdr. and Mrs. Leo H. Thebaud at their quarters on Upshur Road, while awaiting the arrival of his family. Commander Austin relieved Comdr. Tucker Gibbs who is in the Naval Hospital.

Lt. Comdr. Morris S. Gilmore has returned from St. Michaels, Md., where he attended the Miles River Regatta and will go to Eaglesmere, Pa., with his daughter the Misses Barbara and Betty Gilmore.

Capt. Millo F. Draemel who has been acting superintendent in the absence of Admiral Brown, is now on a short vacation.

Comdr. and Mrs. Roy Dudley arrived last week from Honolulu and are staying at Cavalier Hall until their quarters on Upshur Road are ready for occupancy.

Maj. and Mrs. Dodge Woodward were guests of honor at a dinner on Sunday given by Mrs. Nicholas H. Green at her summer home, the House-in-the-Woods. Major and Mrs. Woodward will leave on Wednesday for their home at Ft. Niagara.

Mrs. John L. Chew gave a farewell party on Sunday afternoon for her son and daughter-in-law, Lt. and Mrs. John L. Chew, Jr., who left on Monday for Brooklyn, N. Y.

Lt. and Mrs. John W. Bays of Washington, D. C., visited friends here last week.

Lt. Comdr. and Mrs. Robert Hickey, who have been visiting Mrs. Hickey's sister and brother-in-law, Lt. Comdr. and Mrs. J. D. Beard left on Saturday for Norfolk, Va.

Mrs. Leahy, wife of Lt. Comdr. William J. Leahy and her son, Midshipman Leahy are leaving this week for Belgrade Lakes, Maine.

**NORFOLK, VA.**

17 August 1939

The main event in society this past weekend was the arrival of the midshipmen in Norfolk, following their summer practice cruise along the American-Canadian coasts aboard the USS New York, Texas, and Arkansas. Many private dinner parties were given in honor of the visiting midshipmen, and a dance, arranged by the committee on Naval Affairs of the Norfolk Association of Commerce, was given at the Town Club on Friday night. The guests were received by Mrs. Joseph K. Taussig, Mrs. Manley H. Simons, Mrs. Alfred W. Johnson, Mrs. Charles B. Borland, Mrs. John H. Gurkin, and Mrs. S. B. Schwarzkopf.

Capt. and Mrs. Glenn S. Burrell entertained at a dinner party recently at the Officers' Club at the Naval Base, in honor of Comdr. and Mrs. Alden K. Fogg, preceding the dance at the Club. Their guests, in addition to the guests of honor, were Comdr. and Mrs. George D. Wetzel, Lt. Comdr. and Mrs. Henry E. Wilson, Lt. Comdr. and Mrs. Paul J. Halloran, Lt. and Mrs. A. J. Fay, Lt. and Mrs. C. L. Strain, Mrs. G. R. Berner, Jr., and Lt. Ernest S. Bathke.

Comdr. and Mrs. William W. Edel were hosts on Friday night at a buffet supper at their quarters at the Naval Base. Their guests, who later attended the dance at the Town Club for the visiting midshipmen, were Misses Suzanne Rehberg, Jean McHenry, Eileen Bell, Jane Thomas, Betty Elder, Louise and Mary Virginia Edel, and Midshipmen Miller, Mills, Deibler, Booth, Kloster, Allen, and Glaser.

Miss Lucy McClure, daughter of Capt. and Mrs. Harry A. McClure, and her brother, Julian McClure, entertained last week at a yachting party and picnic supper at Ocean View. Their guests numbered about twenty. Capt. and Mrs. A. M. Charlton were hosts at a dinner party recently at their quarters in the Navy Yard in honor of Cmdr. Joseph Redman, executive officer of the USS Tuscaloosa, and Mrs. Redman. Covers were laid for ten.

Lt. Comdr. and Mrs. Donald S. MacMahon entertained on Friday afternoon at a cocktail party at their home on Gates Avenue, in honor of the officers of Squadron VF-7 of

the USS Wasp, and their wives. Their guests numbered fifty.

Lt. Comdr. and Mrs. James Andrews were the guests of honor Saturday night at a dinner given by Mr. and Mrs. Elmer J. Stoffell. Covers were laid for ten guests.

**LONG BEACH, CALIF.**

13 August 1939

Admiral Claude C. Bloch, Commander-in-Chief of the United States Fleet, and Mrs. Bloch, were among those attending the reception and tea yesterday afternoon in Lakewood Country Club with which Capt. Cortland C. Baughman, commanding officer of USS New Mexico, and officers of the ship entertained in honor of Vice Adm. and Mrs. Charles P. Snyder. In the receiving line from 5 to 7 o'clock were Vice Admiral and Mrs. Snyder, Captain and Mrs. Baughman and the executive officer of the New Mexico, Comdr. Adolph von S. Pickhardt. There were 200 guests.

An interesting dinner party last evening in Army-Navy Club honoring Rear Admiral and Mrs. Sinclair Gannon had as hosts Capt. and Mrs. Willis W. Bradley, Jr., who invited Rear Adm. and Mrs. Husband E. Kimmell, Rear Adm. and Mrs. Russell Willson, Capt. and Mrs. Charles W. Crosse, F. A. L. Vossler and several civilian guests, including former governor of California, Frank F. Merriam and Mrs. Merriam.

Rear Adm. and Mrs. George J. Meyers have arrived from the Philippines and are domiciled at the Willmore while the officer is in command of the United States Base Force. Sailing from Manila 11 May, he stopped off at Shanghai and upon arrival in the States went directly to Lynn, Mass., for a visit with their son, George Myers, Jr.

Mrs. Husband E. Kimmell, wife of Rear Adm. Kimmell, was hostess Thursday in Army and Navy Club to Mrs. Russell Willson, William T. Tarrant, Willis W. Bradley, Jr., William T. Lightle, M. E. Murphy, Francis W. Rockwell, Isaac Kidd, Oscar Smith, William F. Halsey, Jr., Cortland Baughman and Raymond Spruance.

After being feted for more than a week by service set friends, Capt. and Mrs. Alexander

Sharp left yesterday for the officer's new duty in Washington. D. C. Captain Sharp was relieved last week by Capt. Stephen B. McKinney, new commanding officer of USS Idaho. Mrs. Sharp joined her husband here for a week, after having visited the San Francisco Exposition and in Santa Barbara, where she witnessed the Old Spanish Days Fiesta.

Idaho officers and their wives hosted a cocktail party, dinner and dancing Friday night in honor of the Sharps and Captain and Mrs. McKinney, with more than 100 present. Orchid corsages were presented to Mrs. Sharp and McKinney. Junior officers of the Idaho feted Capt. and Mrs. Sharp Thursday at a beach party arranged at Cabrillo Beach near San Pedro. Another farewell party was that given Wednesday by Capt. George J. McMillin, former executive officer of the Idaho, and Mrs. McMillin in their home with Captain and Mrs. Sharp as honor guests. Miss Ruth McMillin assisted her parents in receiving guests from 5 to 7 o'clock.

Open house for the younger service set was arranged yesterday afternoon when Misses Betty and Dorothy Chandler, daughter of Capt. and Mrs. William D. Chandler, and their brother, Ensign Charles R. Chandler, entertained.

**Coast Guard Orders**

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Oct. 1939, and assigned Air Station, Salem, Mass.

The following Pay Clerks issued permanent appointments as Pay Clerk, with rank from the dates indicated:

Garland Sponburgh, Northland, 20 July 1938.  
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## Views on Army Promotions

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Lt. Col. FA—"Attrition in grade of colonel only, thus holding out to every one realization of his hope of one day commanding a regiment."

Maj. FA—"Use the physical examinations and efficiency reports."

Maj. FA—"Attrition is not the issue—'Purge' is the word. Use existing laws and that is all that is needed."

Capt. FA—"1. Rigid physical examinations. 2. Voluntary retirement (three-quarter pay), 23 years constructive service credit. 3. Age in grade retirement."

1st Lt. FA—"I believe the idea of promotion by selection is sound; but to be desirable as a change from the present system, some better means of application than that now employed by the Navy, must be found."

2nd Lt. FA—"B' boards."

2nd Lt. FA—"Believe age-in-grade best at present."

Maj. QMC—"No retirement under fourth pay period."

Maj. QMC—"Forced attrition: 'With advanced grade and full retirement.'

Maj. QMC—"Forced attrition: 'The method submitted by War Department.'

Capt. QMC—"Forced attrition: 'Retire all colonels passed over when general officers are selected. Retire all officers in other grades if not promoted when certain age limits are reached.'

Col. CAC—"Forced attrition: 'As provided in proposed bill.'

Col. CAC—"Forced retirement of a definite per cent in each branch, as determined by an elimination board."

Col. CAC—"Elimination by retirement on basis of least efficient."

Maj. CAC—"Make it apply to all alike—no favorites such as the present bill affords to Air Corps officers."

Maj. CAC—"Retire all generals at 62. Colonels and Lt. Colonels at 60. Majors at 58. Captains at 55."

Maj. CAC—"Age in grade retirement."

Capt. CAC—"I naturally prefer more rapid promotion and will be benefited by proposed law. However, I knew the conditions when I entered the service. I don't favor sacrificing experienced and valuable officers because of selfish whims of juniors."

Capt. CAC—"I prefer selection *out* rather than selection *up*."

1st Lt. CAC—"Forced attrition: 'Efficiency reports.'

1st Lt. CAC—"1. Strict interpretation of physical requirements, 2. Age requirements as above, and 3. efficiency requirements as now in A.R.'s."

1st Lt. CAC—"Age in grade, and Air Corps physical exam or similar rigid exam."

2nd Lt. CAC—"Strict physical exams. Age in grade. Selection O. K. if politics plays only minor part."

2nd Lt. CAC—"Promotion by selection if properly supervised and based on true worth to the service is the fairest method. Annual physical exams should, likewise, be more exacting."

2nd Lt. CAC—"Retirement in age-in-grade. More strict physical exams. Retirement pay of grade above that retiring."

Col. Inf.—"Enforce present laws, but this demand for rank is unjustified. Will solve itself in few years."

Lt. Col. Inf.—"Age in grade retirement."

Lt. Col. Inf.—"Select out for retirement the least efficient in each grade."

Lt. Col. Inf.—"Forced attrition: 'Percentage basis as suggested by General Gasser. Promotion should be spread over 30 year period, or less, in an officer's career in the Army.'

Maj. Inf.—"Require the Medical Corps and officers on class 'B' boards to perform their duty and not be swayed by political interference or rank."

Maj. PS—"Examination for promotion, competitive promotions according to grades or marks."

Maj. Inf.—"Give officers forcibly retired 3% instead of 2½% now given persons eliminated by 'B' boards."

Maj. Inf.—"Age in grade."

Maj. Inf.—"Forced attrition: 'Amend-

ment. Provided that no officer shall be retired for age in grade until he has completed 24 years service or is sooner retired for age.'

Capt. Inf.—"Forced attrition: "1. Retire major generals at 62 years of age. 2. Retire brig. generals and colonels, if not selected for promotion. 3. Promote all other officers after so many years. Total commissioned service to successive grades (similar to medicos and chaplains)."

Capt. Inf.—"Forced retirement by rank starting with major generals.—Age in grade retirement should apply to the Regular Army, National Guard and officers' Reserve Corps alike."

Capt. Inf.—"Forced attrition: 'Selection with forced retirement for those passed over more than once. In any plan of selection a thorough study of Navy selection should be made in order to eliminate all valid complaints.'

Capt. Inf.—"Retire all field officers who have served 20 years in the field grades."

Capt. Inf.—"Lower age of retirement in all grades to include general officers or selection out of colonels passed over after 3 years in grade. Another, selection out of colonels not selected for generals regardless of age after 3 years in grade."

Capt. Inf.—"Age in grade."

Capt. Inf.—"Would suggest following age in grade limits: captain 43; major 48; lieutenant colonel 53, colonel 57, brig. general 60."

1st Lt. Inf.—"Forced retirement of lesser capable officers based upon efficiency rating for last 5 years."

1st Lt. Inf.—"Selection above grade of captain."

1st Lt. Inf.—"Forced attrition: 'Age in grade retirement. Stricter use of 'B' boards and physical exams would make use of the age in grade, unnecessary to greatest extent.'

2nd Lt. Inf.—"A system in which a fixed percentage is promoted annually. If no vacancies occur, retire enough from the top of the grade to make the number of vacancies required for the number of men to be promoted."

## Elimination at the Top

*Editor, ARMY AND NAVY JOURNAL:*

The letter of Major, QM Corps, "Elimination at the top," published in your issue of 5 August 1939, very ably expresses my ideas on the subject of promotion for Army officers. I agree with him on every point.

During my service, there have been too many high ranking officers, who, lacking that certain "something" needed for selection to grade of general officer, continue to hang on despite being passed over year after year. Their prestige as officers, despite their capabilities, is bound to suffer, and this condition is bound to have an adverse effect on the "good of the service."

If this personnel group cannot read the "handwriting on the wall" and make room for those under them to qualify, then I believe, from the standpoint of ethics, that some inflexible method of elimination be utilized to force them to retire. A "dog in the manger" attitude is certainly not for the best interests of the service. There are too many officers who consider that the Government owes them something for the fact that they have held commissions for a number of years, whereas the opposite viewpoint is the true state of affairs. These officers should, if not selected for generals, at least be required to retire at age 62. Better yet, give them a reasonable time after promotion to colonel to qualify for general officers. No man is so essential that his place cannot be filled just as well by someone else.

It is also my opinion that the "Class B" method of elimination is not being utilized to its fullest extent.

I fully believe that some inflexible method of attrition should be established. Any flexible method is always subject to the maximum amount of stretching, causing a nullification of the original intent of the method.

*Major, Infantry.*

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**Society News**

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having before served with the Marine detachment aboard the USS *Augusta*.

Capt. John Homberger, (Ret.), and Mrs. Homberger are leaving 10 Aug. for a month vacation in California. They will visit at San Francisco and San Diego.

Recent guests at the Martinique in Washington, D. C., were: Gen. and Mrs. W. E. Coll of Columbus, Ohio; Col. and Mrs. D. R. Rodney of Ft. Riley, Kans.; Maj. and Mrs. R. C. Hilton of Laurin, S. C.; Capt. E. W. Quigley of Champaign, Ill.; Capt. W. S. Millie of Ft. Leavenworth, Kans.; Capt. Geo. F. Hall of Pittsburgh, Pa.; Capt. L. R. Garrison of Denton, Tex.; Lt. and Mrs. Thomas J. O'Connor of Ft. Sam Houston, Texas; Capt. and Mrs. W. Fitts, Jr., of Ft. Benning, Ga.

Comdr. F. H. Dean, USN, has arrived with his family from the West Coast, after visiting both of the Fairs, and has reported for duty at the Bureau of Ordnance.

Frank Dean, Jr., preceded the family East and has entered the U. S. Naval Academy. Miss Eleanor Dean and Dick will attend Washington schools.

Commander Dean has leased a house at 106 Leland St., Chevy Chase, Md., and is now busy getting settled.

Maj. Wm. F. O'Donoghue who has been on duty with the 97th Division in Manchester, N. H., for four years is leaving, with his family, the latter part of August for his new station in Lincoln, Nebraska. The O'Donoghue's will spend Labor Day in Maine, going from there to New York City for a week. Major O'Donoghue will proceed by rail to Lincoln while Mrs. O'Donoghue will drive north to Syracuse to enter Thomas and Jean at the University, then with their younger son, Owen, continue on to Lincoln.

The Admirals' Party met at the house of Rear Adm. Spencer S. Wood in Jamestown on 7 Aug. Admiral Wood's daughter, Mrs. J. H. N. Potter acted as Hostess. This was the largest gathering since the custom was started by Admiral George C. Remey a number of years ago. The following were present:

Rear Adm. Nicholson, Class of 73; Rear Adm. B. A. Fiske, Class of 74; Adm. Caperton, Class of 75; Commodore Parker, Class of 77; Vice Adm. W. L. Rodgers, Class of 78; Rear Admiral Glenmon, Class of 78; Rear Admiral Hunt, (SC), Class of 81; Rear Admiral Wood, Class of 82; Captain Kaiser, Class of 80; Rear Admiral Marvel, Class of 89; Rear Admiral Bostwick, Class of 90; Rear Admiral Dayton, Class of 90; Colonel Moses, USMC, Class of 90; Captain Pollock, Class of 91; Rear Admiral McNamee, Class of 92; Capt. E. H. Watson, Class of 95; Capt. Duncan Wood, Class of 96; Captain Dinger, Class of 98; Rear Admiral Kalbfus, Class of 99; Captain Shackford, Class of 99; Capt. R. R. Adams, Class of 02; Captain Milne, Class of 03; Rear Admiral LeBreton, Class of 04; Captain Soule, Class of 04; Captain Calhoun, Class of 06; Captain MacLeary, Class of 08; Captain Adey, (SC); Captain Brownell, CEC; Brigadier General Buttrick, USMC; Capt. H. H. Lane, Mr. J. Bertram Lippincott, Mr. Arthur Lisle, Mr. Joseph Lovering, Mr. Harrison Morris, Mr. J. H. N. Potter.

Maj. J. C. Whitecomb, Inf., USA, who has completed his six-year tour of duty with Organized Reserves in Seattle, Wash., is spending the summer with Mrs. Whitecomb and son, Jack, at Limekill Lake, Inlet, N. Y. The Major and his family are enroute to Fort Benning, Ga., which is to be their new Post.

A farewell dinner was given for Col. Matthew A. Cross, CAC, USA on Thursday, 11 Aug. 1939, head of the ORC, Cleveland District, for the past five years, now being stationed at Logan, Utah. It was held at the Wade Park Manor Hotel, Cleveland, Ohio, Col. F. L. Simmons, Inf. Res., presided. The officers present were: Col. T. A. Ryan, CA-Res., Col. K. C. Shainla, QM-Res., Col. J. C. Darby, Med. Res., Ret., Lt. Col. Vernon Charnley, Inf.-Res., Lt. Col. H. N. Warne, Dent. Res., Lt. Col. J. J. Beck, MI-Res., Maj. F. J. Vakoun, Med.-Res., Capt. J. W. Janicki, MI-Res., 1st Lt. A. S. Watt, Inf.

Res., and 1st Lt. F. J. Guth, MI-Res. High tribute was paid to Colonel Cross, by ORC officers, for his fine management of ORC affairs. A very handsome black traveling bag was presented him as an expression of their appreciation for his fine work. Many telegrams and letters from Reserve unit commanders and National Guard commanders who were out of town, were read. Deep regret was expressed by all at his departure from Cleveland.

**OBITUARIES**

The many army friends of Mrs. J. Homer Dimon of Columbus, Ga., will be grieved to learn of her death which occurred suddenly the night of 10 Aug. 1939, the result of a heart attack.

Her husband, Hon. J. Homer Dimon, who was Mayor of Columbus for many years was one of the most enthusiastic and energetic workers for the establishment and development of the Infantry School, Ft. Benning, Ga.

Funeral services for the late Col. Theodore Schultz, USA-Ret., who died at the Army and Navy General Hospital, Hot Springs, Ark., on 9 Aug. 1939, were held 14 Aug., at the Ft. Myer Chapel, with Chaplain Alfred C. Oliver, Jr., officiating. Interment was with full military honors in Section 6 of Arlington National Cemetery.

The following officers served as honorary pallbearers: Maj. Gen. Frederick W. Coleman, Ret.; Brig. Gen. Laurence Halstead, Ret.; Col. Edwin A. Hickman, Ret.; Col. Charles M. Wilson, MC; Col. Henry W. T. Eglin, CAC; Lt. Col. Stephen J. Chamberlin, GSC; Maj. George A. Frazer, JAGD.

Colonel Schultz was born in Orville, Ohio, 8 May 1860. During the Spanish-American War he served as 1st Lieutenant and Captain from July, 1889 to April, 1901, when he was mustered out of service.

He entered the Regular Army as 1st Lieutenant of Cavalry 2 Feb. 1901, and served through the grades to Colonel, to which grade he was promoted on 21 June 1925. Colonel Schultz transferred to the Finance Department 6 Aug. 1920. He retired on 31 Aug. 1932.

During the World War Colonel Schultz served in the grades of Lieutenant Colonel, Infantry, National Army, and Colonel of Infantry, U. S. Army from Aug. 1917 to 30 June 1920.

Colonel Schultz served in Washington, D. C., in the Office Chief of the Militia Bureau, from 18 Nov. 1922 to 2 May 1925, and as Finance Officer, U. S. Army from 3 May to 26 May 1925.

In 1924, Colonel Schultz was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal.

Colonel Schultz made his home at the Century Apartments, 2651 16th St., N.W., Washington, D. C. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Madge B. Schultz, who was with him at the time of his death.

1st Lt. Augustus W. Dannemiller, Inf., USA, died 15 Aug. 1939, at Ft. Sam Houston, Tex., while on leave.

Lieutenant Dannemiller was born in Salt Lake City, Utah, 17 July 1907. He entered the United States Military Academy, West Point, N. Y., on 1 July 1926, and was graduated and commissioned 2nd Lieutenant of Infantry 11 June 1931. From 18 Feb. 1933 to 2 May 1933, he was on duty with the Air Corps. Lieutenant Dannemiller was promoted to the grade of 1st Lieutenant 1 Aug. 1935. He graduated from the Infantry School, Regular Course, in 1938, and remained on duty at that post until 15 June 1939, when he was assigned to duty at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, and granted two months and 15 days' leave.

Lieutenant Dannemiller is survived by his widow, Mrs. Bernice Whiteman Dannemiller, and son, A. W. Dannemiller, of Fort Sam Houston, Texas. His father, Col. Augustus F. Dannemiller, (Inf.), GSC, is stationed at Headquarters 1st Division, Ft. Hamilton, N. Y.

Capt. Louis A. Kalser, USN-Ret., died in Jamestown, R. I., on 12 Aug. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Cynthia Richards Kalser.

Funeral services were held at ten o'clock Wednesday, 16 Aug., in Arlington

National Cemetery, Capt. Robert D. Workman (ChC), USN, officiating.

Captain Kaiser was born in Kirkwood, Ill., 1 April 1870, and was appointed to the Naval Academy from the 11th District of Illinois in 1885. During the Spanish American

War, he served in the USS Concord with Admiral Dewey's Squadron and participated in the Battle of Manila Bay, 1 May 1898. In Captain Kaiser had received the Spanish Campaign Medal, Philippine Campaign Medal and the Victory Medal. He retired from active service on 1 April 1926.

**Births • Marriages • Deaths**

(No charge for service notices in this column. Please notify promptly.)

**Born**

to Ens. Ellis H. McDowell, USN, son of Capt. Clyde S. McDowell, USN-Ret.

**Died**

**BARTLETT**—Died at Vancouver Bks., Wash., 5 Aug. 1939. Mrs. Rose M. Bartlett, mother of Mrs. Pomerene, wife of Maj. Joel D. Pomerene, Inf., USA.

**BUTNER**—Died at Langley Field, Va., 11 Aug. 1939. 2nd Lt. Thomas Lee Butner, Air-Res., on active duty.

**BEARD**—Died at Chestnut Hill, Philadelphia, Pa., 14 July 1939. Mrs. John S. Beard, mother of Lt. Comdr. Jefferson D. Beard, USN, Lt. Frank Beard, USN, and Mr. William Beard, of Philadelphia, and Mrs. Reinberg, wife of Comdr. J. E. Reinberg, USN.

**CLEMMER**—Died, 15 July 1939, Lt. William Lee Clemmer, USCAG.

**DANNEMILLER**—Died at Ft. Sam Houston, Tex., 15 Aug. 1939, 1st Lt. Augustus W. Dannemiller, Inf., USA, son of Col. Augustus F. Dannemiller, (Inf.), GSC, USA, Ft. Hamilton, N. Y.

**DIMON**—Died at Columbus, Ga., 10 Aug. 1939. Mrs. J. Homer Dimon of Columbus, Ga., her husband, J. Homer Dimon, former Mayor of Columbus.

**FABYAN**—Died at Riverbank Villa, Geneva, Ill., 22 July 1939. Mrs. George Fabyan, sister of Mrs. Trott, wife of Brig. Gen. C. A. Trott, USA.

**FENSCH**—Died at Veterans' Hospital, West Los Angeles, Calif., 8 August 1939, War-Res. Officer Albert Fensch, USA-Ret.

**FORD**—Died at Washington, D. C., 9 Aug. 1939. Mrs. Josephine E. Ford, mother of Lt. Francis A. Ford, USN.

**GILLESPIE**—Died in Turkey, 23 June 1939. Capt. Julian E. Gillespie, who served in the Army during the World War.

**HOPSON**—Died in airplane crash near San Antonio, Tex., 16 Aug. 1939, 2nd Lt. John R. Hopson, FA, USA, of Wash., D. C.

**JOYES**—Died at Albany, Ore., 15 Aug. 1939. Capt. John W. Joyes, Jr., Inf., USA.

**KAISE**—Died at Jamestown, Rhode Island, 12 Aug. 1939. Capt. Louis A. Kaiser, USN-Ret.

**LYMAN**—Died at San Francisco, Calif., 4 Aug. 1939. Capt. Charles G. Layman, USA-Ret.

**MACKAY**—Died at Langley Field, Va., 11 Aug. 1939. 2nd Lt. Homer Matheson Mackay, Air-Res., on active duty.

**MARIX**—Died at Los Angeles, Calif., 15 Aug. 1939. Mrs. Grace Doran Marix. She is survived by her husband, Col. Arthur T. Marix, USMC-Ret., one son Lt. (jg) George E. Marix, USN, and Mrs. Aileen Marix; one grandson, Michael Stockton Marix; a niece, Mrs. John B. Rhodes, wife of Comdr. John B. Rhodes, USN-Ret.; a nephew, Group Commander R. G. L. Marix, D. S. O. Royal Air Force.

**McLELLAN**—Died at San Diego, Calif., 14 July 1939. Lt. Col. George H. McLellan, USA-Ret.

**McQUILLIN**—Died at Ft. Leavenworth, Kan., 15 Aug. 1939. Mrs. Jennie M. McQuillin, wife of Mr. Edward G. McQuillin; mother of Mrs. Edward J. Roxbury, Mrs. Spencer H. Knapp and Lt. Col. Raymond E. McQuillin, Cav., USA.

**SCOTT**—Died at Asheville, N. C., 12 Aug. 1939. 2nd Lt. Robert Thomas Scott, served as an emergency officer, during the World War.

**SCHULTZ**—Died at Army and Navy General Hospital, Hot Springs, Ark., 9 Aug. 1939. Col. Theodore Schultz, USA-Ret.

**THOMPSON**—Died at San Diego, Calif., 30 June 1939. Capt. Jesse L. Thompson, USA-Ret.

**WENDELKEN**—Died at Washington, D. C., 13 Aug. 1939. Mrs. Freta Kathleen Wendelen, wife of 2nd Lt. Clyde Wendelen, who served as an emergency officer during the World War.

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### Financial Digest

By the announcement that he would proclaim Thanksgiving Day on the next to the last Thursday, and subsequently, the second Thursday in November, the President claimed he was responding to the request of small business which had pointed out to him that the final Thursday in November and Yuletide were so close together as to interfere with Christmas shopping. As Thanksgiving is not a Holiday fixed by law but by Presidential proclamation, a number of Governors declared they would adhere to the traditional day. Thus, confusion will result to the dismay of printers, poulters and football coaches, etc. It is believed that in changing the time for giving thanks, the President was actuated less by a desire to help small business than a purpose to divert the public mind from the rebuffs he suffered during the last session of Congress, and the generally unsatisfactory economic situation. The bright light as to that situation is furnished by an official estimate that retail sales were higher by a billion dollars for the first six months of this year over those for the corresponding period of 1938.

Disturbing to business is the fast approaching crisis in Europe, which is discussed in our News and Gossip section. Senator Barkley, who is in Washington, arguing that the first matter for Congressional consideration when Congress meets again, is the neutrality proposals of the President. Colonel F. C. Harrington, USA, WPA Commissioner, has announced a new nation-wide "security wage" program, under which the country is divided into three areas with five classifications, and 60 instead of 4,000 different schedules. In the South a substantial increase in wage will be enjoyed by unskilled WPA workers. No substantial reduction in wages in the North is made. The CIO accountants are analyzing the new schedule, but both that organization and the AFL are resentful at departure from the policy of the prevailing wage. At the New York State AFL Convention there was revealed a message from the President renewing his appeal for labor peace. However, a few days before at the AFL Atlantic City Convention President Green denounced John L. Lewis for his attitude which he claims prevents the burl of the differences between the two organizations. It is evident there is no chance of an agreement by them. The National Labor Relations Board followed up its order to the Ford Motor Company to reinstate some dismissed employees by an order to the Bethlehem Steel Company to disestablish employee representation plans at ten plants in Pennsylvania, Maryland and New York. In an effort to raise falling crude oil prices, Texas has closed down wells for fifteen days, and Oklahoma, New Mexico and Kansas followed suit. Other States in the Mid-Continent area are expected to take like action. The trend of commodity prices continues to be discouraging, and are approaching 1938 and previous lows. A world price level of 40 basic commodities in terms of gold is now lower than at any time in 29 years. In Cuba, credits and collections are the worst in years. It is believed that current business activity is being stimulated in part by the knowledge that manufacturing costs will rise again the last of October, particularly in the machine tool, aircraft, textile, construction, mining and similar industries. At that time the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 will require an increase in minimum wage and a reduction in hours of work. The increased labor costs these will cause may retard industrial activity after the enforcement of the law begins. In September, a large number of anti-trust prosecutions will be instituted by the Department of Justice against Corporations, particularly in the construction business, and, it is intimated, they may include labor unions. This Department also has descended upon Hol-

lywood. It announces that some of the moving picture aggregations and their officials will be prosecuted under the anti-trust law, and for falsification of income tax returns. The TVA, in conjunction with allied cities, towns and cooperatives in Tennessee, paid 78 million dollars to the Commonwealth & Southern Corporation for its prize operating subsidiary, the Tennessee Electric Power Company. This concludes the negotiations between the Commonwealth & Southern and the Government, and makes Tennessee the "public power test tube" of the nation. In a page advertisement, President Willkie, of the Commonwealth & Southern, pointed out the large tax loss the National and State Treasuries would suffer and the heavy tax burden that now will be imposed upon the people, stated that "we have had to sell \* \* \* because we would not stay in business and compete with virtually tax-free and heavily subsidized plants," and announced that the bonds and preferred stock of the Tennessee Electric Power Company would be paid off 100 cents on the dollar.

### Merchant Marine

Procedures under which shipowners can "trade in" old tonnage for new were announced this week by the Maritime Commission.

One of the revisions of the Merchant Marine and Shipping Acts passed by Congress shortly before adjournment, amends Sect. 510, Merchant Marine Act, 1936, as amended, giving the Maritime Commission authority to buy any obsolete vessel in exchange for an allowance of credit upon a new vessel to be operated by American citizens under American registry.

The procedure established permits the owner of an obsolete vessel who wishes to take advantage of the act to apply to the Examining Division of the Commission, describing the characteristics of the vessel to be turned in, the type of new vessel for which credit is asked, stating whether or not he wishes to use the old vessel during construction of the new ship, and outlining the effect upon the trade route and line of the substitution of the new for the obsolete vessel.

The application will also state whether the new vessel is to be bought from or built by the commission or constructed in a domestic shipyard on private account.

An appraisal committee, consisting of Dan S. Brierly, director of the Division of Maintenance and Repair; J. L. Bates, director of the Technical Division, and Huntingdon Morse, special assistant to the Maritime Commission and member of the Army and Navy Munitions Board, has been named to appraise each obsolete vessel. It was understood,

If an obsolete vessel 20 years of age or more is delivered to the commission she will be placed in the laid-up fleet and removed from commercial operation. If she is less than 20 years old, she may be used commercially if her service is required on an essential trade route. Otherwise she will also go into the laid-up fleet. As better vessels are withdrawn from service older vessels now laid-up will be scrapped.

The turn in and build program will offer an opportunity to both domestic and foreign trade operators to replace aging vessels of the American Merchant Marine with newer, faster and more economical ships.

Application blanks are now being prepared and many applications are expected within a short time. Among those interested in the trade-in plan are operators who have already agreed to buy new ships from the Maritime Commission.

#### Managing Agent Appointed

Appointments of the Southgate Nelson Corporation as managing agent of the government's America France Line was announced this week by the Maritime Commission. Southgate Nelson, which is now managing agent of the American Hampton Roads-Yankee Line and Oriole Line, will succeed Cosmopolitan Shipping Company, which had informed the com-

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mission that it would discontinue operation of the America France Line when its agreement with the government expires 29 Aug.

Cosmopolitan stated that it would manage foreign freighters in a North Atlantic-Europe service.

The commission has also extended Southgate Nelson's agreement for operation of American Hampton Roads-Yankee and Oriole Lines through the remainder of the year. The renewal of this agreement and the decision to obtain a new managing agent for America France indicate that the commission will not soon make award on the pending proposal of United States Lines to operate all three lines on its account on a monthly charter basis.

No changes in schedules or service will be made for America France Line, the commission said. The change in managing agents will become effective when the SS Collamer departs Boston 2 Sept. for Havre and Dunkirk by way of other North Atlantic ports.

#### Sea Witch Sponsor Named

Mrs. Emil Schram, wife of the chairman of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, will sponsor the C-2 cargo vessel Sea Witch, scheduled to be launched at Tampa Shipbuilding and Engineering Co., Tampa, Fla., in mid-September.

The Sea Witch, a 13,900-ton diesel vessel, is named for a clipper ship, built in 1846 by Smith and Dimon for the New York-China trade. The new Sea Witch will join the American Pioneer Line which operates to Australia, India and the Far East.

#### More Contracts Let

Contract for five additional C-1 cargo ships was let to Federal SB and DD Co., Kearny, N. J., on its bid of \$1,900,000 per vessel. The vessels will be sold to Lykes Bros. Steamship Co. and will embody some changes on the original design. The vessels will be steam propelled and of full scantling type.

Lykes will also charter the five C-1 ships on which contract was recently awarded to the Tampa SB and Engineering Co.

#### No Extension of Bonus Deadline

President Roosevelt has withheld his approval of the bill, HR 5450, which would have extended for an additional five years from 2 Jan., 1940, the deadline for filing claims under the Adjusted Compensation Act.

The President stated:

Under the original Act the veterans and their dependents were granted approximately three and one-half years and by subsequent liberalization have been given a period of over fifteen years from the date of enactment of the original Act in which to claim these benefits. During this period much publicity was given the original Act and amendments, including the Adjusted Compensation Payment Act, as amended, with every reasonable opportunity to file claim. This opportunity

still exists and will continue to 2 Jan., 1940. Further extension of the period for filing claim in my opinion is not justified.

### Status of Promotion

#### ARMY PROMOTION STATUS

#### Promotions and Vacancies on the Promotion List (Cumulative) Since 11 Aug. 1939

Last promotion to the grade of Col.—Louis C. Wilson, QMC. Vacancies—3. Officers entitled—No. 62 through No. 64, inclusive. Senior Lt. Col. If vacancies were filled — Charles E. McCarthy, Inf., No. 65.

Last promotion to the grade of Lt. Col.—Irvin V. Todd, FD, No. 121. Vacancies—3. Officers entitled—No. 122 through No. 124, inclusive. Senior Major if vacancies were filled — Henry Hockwald, QMC, No. 125.

Last promotion to the grade of Major—James A. Mollison, AC, No. 278. Vacancies—19. Officers entitled—No. 279 through No. 299, inclusive. Senior Captain if vacancies were filled — John M. McCulloch, AC, No. 300.

Last promotion to the grade of Captain—Whitfield Miller, Cav., No. 294.

Last promotion to the grade of 1st Lt.—William A. Joyce, SC, No. 262.

#### Non-Promotion List

Capt. John W. Rich, MC, promoted to Major.

Capt. Thomas B. Murphy, MC, promoted to Major.

Capt. Huston J. Banton, MC, promoted to Major.

Capt. Hervey R. Porter, MC, promoted to Major.

Maj. Albert Fields, DC, promoted to Lieutenant Colonel.

Capt. Roger G. Miller, DC, promoted to Major.

Chaplain John K. Bodel (Major), USA, promoted to Lieutenant Colonel.

Note: Lt. Col. Edward W. Turner, CAC, No. 56 and Capt. Benjamin F. Griffin, AC, No. 223, were not promoted but will be retired on 31 Aug. 1939, with the next higher rank, having been found physically disqualified for promotion. Captains Richard E. Moore, Inf., No. 282 and Walter E. Richards, AC, No. 295, have also been found physically disqualified for promotion and are not included in the number of vacancies of those entitled but not yet promoted. They will not be retired until the officers above them on the Promotion List are promoted.

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**Stark Lauds Patrol Planes**

Admiral Harold R. Stark, Chief of Naval Operations, this week stated that experience in the last two fleet problems has definitely proven that the replacement of destroyers by patrol planes with the scouting fleet is sound tactical procedure. Admiral Stark said that during critiques held following each of the problems, the unanimous opinion of the judge and commanders of the various forces participating was that the most logical and useful employment of the big flying-boats is with the scouting arm.

At the time of the administrative shift of patrol planes to the scouting force and the detachment of the destroyers, there was considerable question raised as to whether the planes could operate as effectively as the surface vessels. Since that time it has been demonstrated that, with the exception of rare instances, the planes with their high degree of maneuverability, their speed and ability to cover a greater area of operations are much more satisfactory than destroyers. However, in event of the necessity for the use of surface vessels because of weather conditions or peculiar objectives to be attained, the destroyers could easily be brought again under the administration of the Commander, Scouting Force.

Admiral Stark takes over the post of CNO just as the Navy begins construction of the screen of Pacific air bases, designed especially to care for "the eyes of the fleet."

**MOST VALUABLE PLAYER**

Fort Benning, Ga.—Corp. Paul Raines, a pitcher for Third Battalion, 29th Infantry, has been awarded the prize for being the most valuable player in the Fort Benning intra-mural league during the elimination round.

Raines was named "most valuable player" by ballot of coaches of the teams participating in the Benning league, at a meeting held Tuesday, 8 August, in the athletic office here. The twirler was presented a traveling bag.

Other players mentioned for the title were Herman Massey (I.S.D.), Doc Auger (Medicos), Otha Lee (Tanks), John Cherry (Artillery), William Lee (Second Battalion, 29th Infantry), Jewell Allen (First Battalion, 29th Infantry), Sanford Thompson (Third Battalion, 29th Infantry), Harvey Polk (Artillery), Jack Daugherty (Second

Battalion, 29th Infantry), and Sam Prophet (I.S.D.).

**ARMY NAVY SWIMMING MEET**

Several hundred officers and ladies of the Army, Navy and Marine Corps were present at the outstanding sporting and social event of the summer season of the Army Navy Country Club, the Sixth Annual Swimming Competition, Sunday, 13 August. Ted Tansey for the third consecutive time won the men's championship cup by winning five first places and setting a new time record on the 50 yards.

Shirley Karns won the women's open championship.

Cadet Forest Harding, USMA gave a fine exhibition of diving and Cadet Hume Peabody of the West Point Swimming Team won first place in the 50 yard free style. Prizes and cups were presented by Capt. Patrick H. Tansey, Chairman of the Swimming Committee.

50-Yard Dash for Boys—Won by Ted Tansey; second, Bob Tansey; third, Sam Karns. Time, 26.0.

50-Yard Dash for Women (open)—Won by Shirley Karns; second, Sara Donaldson; third, Helen Kunkel. Time, 31.6.

50-Yard Dash for Men (open)—Won by Hume Peabody; second, Ted Tansey; third, John Donaldson. Time, 26.2.

Low-Board Diving for Women (open)—Tie for first between Marian Shaffer and Shirley Karns. Points, 36.5.

Low-Board Diving for Men (open)—Won by Henry Mayo; second, Bill Wickham. Points, 44.4.

100-Yard Combination Relay—Won by team of Joan Karns, Sam Karns, Shirley Karns and Jim Ord. Time, 58.2.

100-Yard Dash for Men (open)—Won by Ted Tansey by forfeit.

25-Yard Breast Stroke for Women (open)—Won by Shirley Karns; second, Sara Donaldson; third, Helen Kunkel. Time, 21.8.

100-Yard Dash for Boys—Won by Ted Tansey; second, John Donaldson; third, Bob Douglas. Time, 60.8.

50-Yard Backstroke for Men (open)—Won by Ted Tansey; second, John Donaldson; third, Hume Peabody. Time, 34.8.

25-Yard Backstroke for Women (open)—Won by Shirley Karns; second, Helen Kunkel; third, Marian Shaffer. Time, 17.2.

50-Yard Breast Stroke for Men (open)—Won by Ted Tansey; second, Hume Peabody; third, R. W. Taylor. Time, 33.4.

50-Yard Breast Stroke for Boys—Won by Henry Mayo; second, John Donaldson. Time, 34.8.

100-Yard Open Relay for Men—Won by team of Donaldson, Bob Tansey, Sam Karns and Bob Douglas.

**"Infantry in Battle"**

*Infantry in Battle; second edition, 1939; by the Infantry Journal, Incorporated.*

THEORIES of tactics of minor Infantry units taught in the class and over maps may still leave the commander unprepared in the actual campaign. That is the position taken by *Infantry in Battle*, which has gone into a second edition. It is, explained Brig. Gen. George C. Marshall, now acting Chief of Staff of the Army, "designed to give the peace-trained officer something of the viewpoint of the veteran."

"In our schools," General Marshall states in the introduction, "we generally assume that organizations are well-trained and at full strength, that subordinates are competent, that supply arrangements function, that communications work, that orders are carried out. In war many or all of these conditions may be absent. The veteran knows that this is normal and his mental processes are not paralyzed by it. He knows that he must carry on in spite of seemingly insurmountable difficulties and regardless of the fact that the tools with which he has to work may be imperfect and worn. Moreover, he knows how to go about it."

The development of thinking commanders, not robots, helpless if all is not going according to rule, is the aim of the volume. Therefore there is little text in the 27 chapters—just the statement of a principle; finally a short conclusion. Between these two are interpolated for each principle, examples of actual World War situations, gleaned from the personal monographs on file at The Infantry School. The experiences of not only the American and Allied troops but also those of the Germans are drawn upon, to show how a commander met—or failed to meet—some particular situation.

The second edition of *Infantry in Battle* is not just a reprint. Extensive revisions have been made, much of the tactical doctrine restated, some sections entirely rewritten. New maps by Tech. Sgt. William H. Brown have been substituted for those in the first edition, and the whole revision made by Capt. C. T. Lanham in consultation with Lt. Col. Edwin F. Harding, who as lieutenant and major, respectively, planned the first edition in 1934.

These changes have caused the volume

to lose none of the fire given it by the original contributors—Col. George C. Marshall, Maj. Richard G. Tindall, Capt. John A. Andrews, Capt. Robert H. Chance and Capt. Russel B. Reynolds.

The authors have treated of various battle conditions under sub-heads ranging from the terse, "Combat situations cannot be solved by rule" or "Surprise is the master key to victory" to the longer but equally forceful, "Machine guns affect the outcome of battle by fire power alone. Guns that have not fired have not attacked, no matter how many times they have been placed in position."

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